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(57) ABSTRACT

The present specification discloses SNAP-25 compositions, methods of making $\alpha\textsc{-}SNAP\textsc{-}25$ antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, $\alpha\textsc{-}SNAP\textsc{-}25$ antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, methods of detecting BoNT/A activity, and methods of detecting neutralizing $\alpha\textsc{-}BoNT/A$ antibodies.

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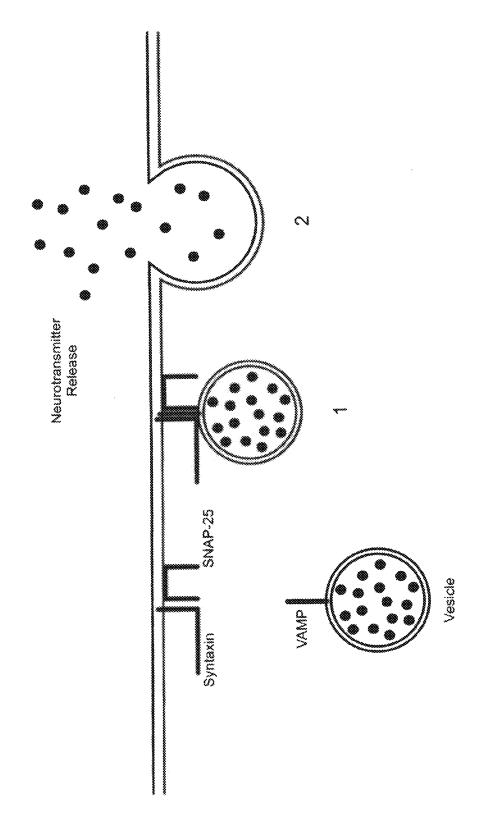
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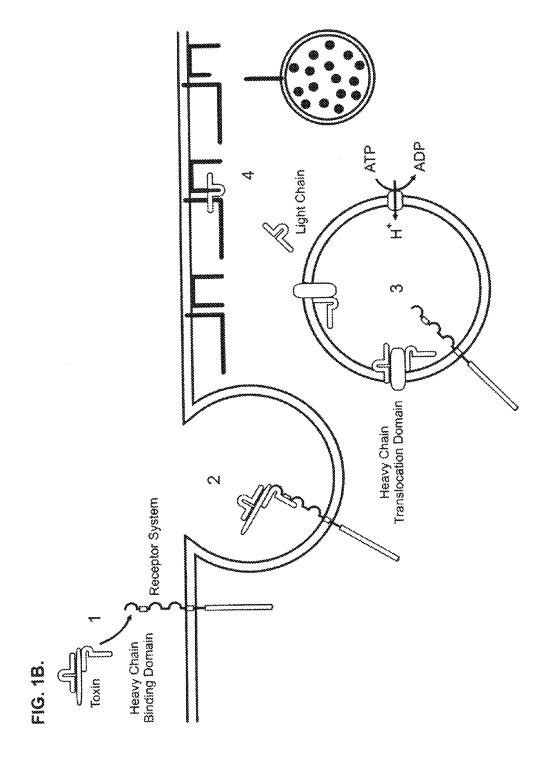
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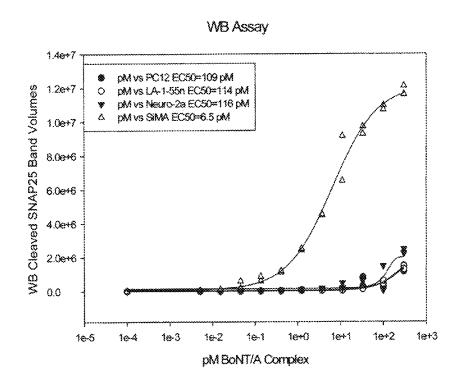
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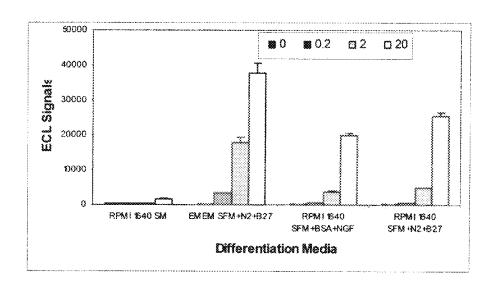


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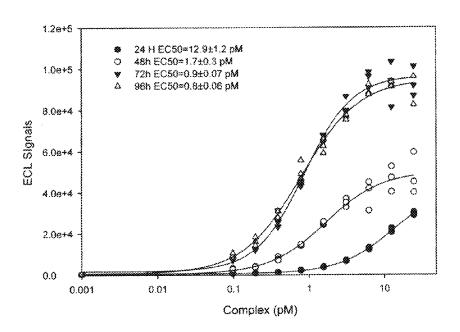


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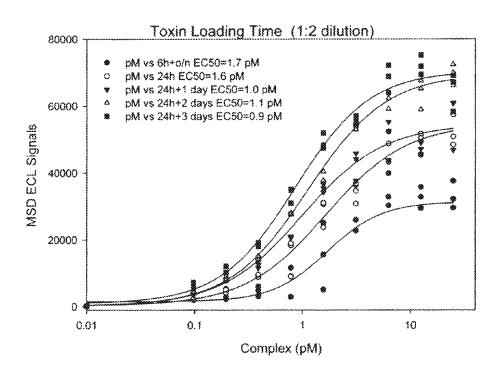


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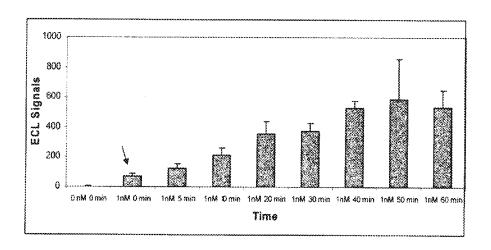


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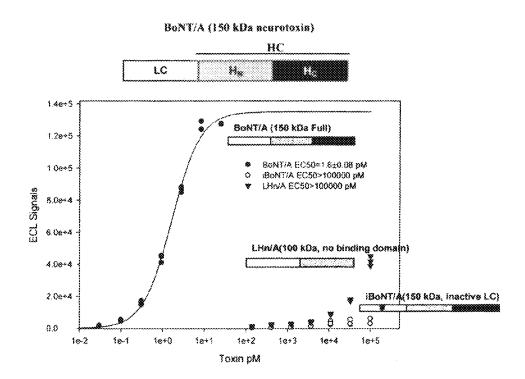


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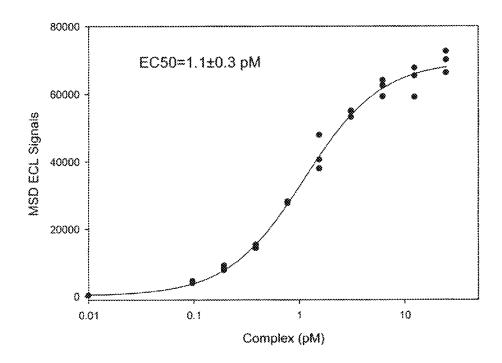
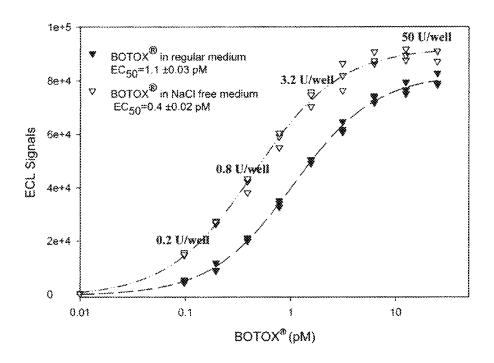


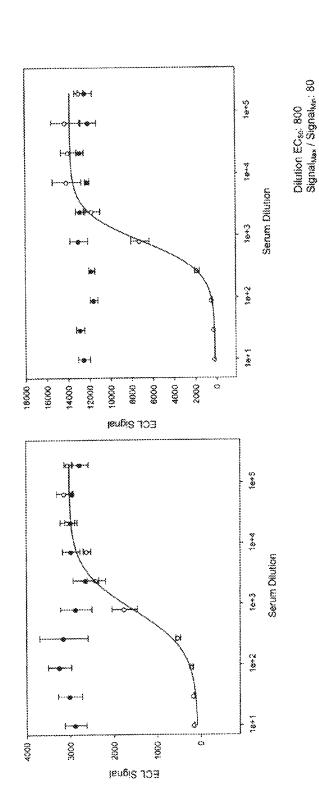
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3 days differentitaion 15 hour exposure

> 6 hours differentitation 15 hour exposure

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Naïve Human Serum
 Immunized Human Serum

IMMUNO-BASED BOTULINUM TOXIN SEROTYPE A ACTIVITY ASSAYS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. application Ser. No. 12/403,531, filed on Mar. 13, 2009, now U.S. 5 Pat. No. 8,198,034, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 61/036,723, filed Mar. 14, 2008, both incorporated entirely by reference.

The ability of Clostridial toxins, such as, e.g., Botulinum 10 neurotoxins (BoNTs), BoNT/A, BoNT/B, BoNT/C1, BoNT/ D, BoNT/E, BoNT/F and BoNT/G, and Tetanus neurotoxin (TeNT), to inhibit neuronal transmission are being exploited in a wide variety of therapeutic and cosmetic applications, see e.g., William J. Lipham, Cosmetic and Clinical Applications 15 of Botulinum Toxin (Slack, Inc., 2004). Clostridial toxins commercially available as pharmaceutical compositions include, BoNT/A preparations, such as, e.g., BOTOX® (Allergan, Inc., Irvine, Calif.), DYSPOR®/RELOXIN®, (Ipsen Ltd., Slough, England), PURTOX® (Mentor Corp., Santa 20 Barbara, Calif.), XEOMIN® (Merz Pharmaceuticals, GmbH., Frankfurt, Germany), NEURONOX® (Medy-Tox, Inc., Ochang-myeon, South Korea), BTX-A (Biogen-tech Ltd., University, Yantai, Shandong, China); and BoNT/B preparations, such as, e.g., MYOBLOC®/NEUROBLOC® 25 (Solstice Neurosciences, Inc., South San Francisco, Calif.). As an example, BOTOX® is currently approved in the U.S. for the treatment of cervical dystonia in adults to decrease the severity of abnormal head position and neck pain associated with cervical dystonia; for the treatment of severe primary axillary hyperhidrosis that is inadequately managed with topical agents; and for the treatment of strabismus and blepharospasm associated with dystonia, including benign essential blepharospasm or VII nerve disorders in patients 12 years of age and above.

At present the mouse LD₅₀ bioassay, a lethality test, remains the "gold standard" used by all pharmaceutical manufacturers to express the potency of their preparations. S. S. Amon et al., JAMA 285: 1059-1070 (2001). In fact, the units on the pharmaceutical preparations' labels are mouse 40 LD₅₀ units and the number of animals needed to produce statistically useful LD_{50} data is large. The advantage of the mouse LD₅₀ bioassay is that it measures all the steps necessary for botulinum toxin uptake (e.g., toxin binding to a cell surface receptor, internalization of the toxin-receptor com- 45 plex, light chain translocation into the cytoplasm, light chain cleavage of substrate), instead of merely determining the activity for only part of this intoxication process, such as, e.g., in vitro assays that only measure light chain enzymatic activity. Unfortunately, the mouse LD_{50} bioassay suffers from 50 many drawbacks including high operational cost due to the large numbers of laboratory animals required, a lack of specificity since all BoNT serotypes will cause the same measurable end-point, and the potential for inaccuracy unless large animal groups are used. In addition, animal rights groups 55 have exerted pressure on regulatory agencies in the U.S. (FDA/NICEATM/ICCVAM) and Europe (MHRA and EDQM), and on pharmaceutical companies manufacturing botulinum neurotoxin products to reduce animal testing and more importantly replace the mouse LD_{50} bioassay for product release. The regulatory agencies are engaging pharmaceutical companies to apply the three "Rs" principle to the potency testing of botulinum neurotoxins: Reduce, Refine, Replace. D. Straughan, Progress in Applying the Three Rs to the Potency Testing of Botulinum Toxin Type A, Altern. Lab. 65 Anim. 34(3): 305-313 (2006). In recent years, several steps have been already taken to reduce and refine the mouse LD_{50}

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bioassay in order to standardize the protocol and produce more consistent data using fewer animals per assay.

Thus, a simple, reliable, validated and governmental agency acceptable botulinum toxin activity assay that can evaluate the integrity of all the steps necessary in botulinum toxin uptake would be of significant value because such a non-animal based assay would alleviate the need for animal testing and all the disadvantages, costs and ethical concerns associated with this type of animal-based assay. The present specification provides novel compositions, cells, and methods for assaying the activity of a botulinum toxin A useful for various industries, such as, e.g., the pharmaceutical and food industries, and provides related advantages as well. Such compositions, cells, and methods do not use live animals or tissues taken from live animals, but can evaluate all the steps necessary for neurotoxin action.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a schematic of the current paradigm of neurotransmitter release and Clostridial toxin intoxication in a central and peripheral neuron. FIG. 1A shows a schematic for the neurotransmitter release mechanism of a central and peripheral neuron. The release process can be described as comprising two steps: 1) vesicle docking, where the vesiclebound SNARE protein of a vesicle containing neurotransmitter molecules associates with the membrane-bound SNARE proteins located at the plasma membrane; and 2) neurotransmitter release, where the vesicle fuses with the plasma membrane and the neurotransmitter molecules are exocytosed. FIG. 1B shows a schematic of the intoxication mechanism for tetanus and botulinum toxin activity in a central and peripheral neuron. This intoxication process can be described as comprising four steps: 1) receptor binding, where Clostridial toxin binds to a Clostridial receptor complex and initiates the intoxication process; 2) complex internalization, where after toxin binding, a vesicle containing a toxin/receptor system complex is endocytosed into the cell; 3) light chain translocation, where multiple events are thought to occur, including changes in the internal pH of the vesicle, formation of a channel pore comprising the H_N domain of Clostridial toxin heavy chain, separation of the Clostridial toxin light chain from the heavy chain, and release of the light chain and 4) enzymatic target modification, where the light chain of Clostridial toxin proteolytically cleaves its target SNARE substrates, such as, e.g., SNAP-25, VAMP or Syntaxin, thereby preventing vesicle docking and neurotransmitter

FIG. 2 shows a comparison of BoNT/A uptake in four cell lines by Western blot analysis. FIG. 2A shows a graph of SNAP-25 cleavage product detected based on amount of BoNT/A used to treat the cell line. The data were analyzed in SigmaPlot using a 4 parameter logistic model and EC_{50} values were obtained for each cell line. Ranking of SNAP-25 cleavage product signals detected was: SiMa>>Neuro-2a>LA1-55n>PC12. FIG. 2B shows the signal-to-noise ratios of the raw signals at 300 pM vs. 0 pM and 1.2 pM vs. 0 pM were calculated for the assay. SiMa cells generated the highest signal-to-noise ratios and the lowest EC_{50} values.

FIG. 3 shows optimization of cell differentiation media for established cell lines useful in an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification.

FIG. 4 shows optimization of cell differentiation time for cells comprising an established cell line useful in an immunobased method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification.

FIG. 5 shows optimization of BoNT/A treatment of cells comprising an established cell line useful in an immunobased method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification. The results indicate an EC_{50} of less than 2 pM was achieved with any of the BoNT/A treatments tested. 5

FIG. 6 shows the sensitivity of an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification. The results indicated that uptake of BoNT/A by the cells took less than one minute before producing significant amounts of SNAP-25 cleavage product over background.

FIG. 7 shows the specificity of an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification. The results indicate that the immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification can measure all the steps involved in BoNT/A intoxication.

FIG. 8 shows a dose response curve of differentiated SiMa cells treated with a BoNT/A complex using an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification.

FIG. 9 shows the results of an immuno-based BoNT/A activity assay for a formulated BoNT/A pharmaceutical product using an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification.

FIG. 10 show the detection of neutralizing α -BoNT/A ²⁵ antibodies in human serum using an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present specification provides novel assays for determining the presence or absence of an active BoNT/A in a sample and for determining the activity/potency of a BoNT/A preparation. The novel cell-based assays disclosed in the 35 present specification rely on cells, reagents and detection methods that enable the assay to detect picomolar quantities of BoNT/A in a sample. The cell-based assays disclosed in the present specification reduce the need for animal toxicity studies, yet serve to analyze multiple functions BoNT/A, namely, 40 binding and cellular uptake of toxin, translocation into the cell cytosol, and protease activity. As discussed further below, the novel methods and compositions can be used to analyze crude and bulk samples as well as highly purified di-chain toxins and formulated toxin products and further are ame-45 nable to automated high throughput assay formats.

Thus, one aspect disclosed in the present specification provides compositions for producing α-SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond 50 from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. Compositions can comprise an adjuvant and a composition including a SNAP-25 antigen, a carrier linked to a SNAP-25 antigen, or a carrier linked to a flexible spacer linked to a SNAP-25 antigen, where the flexible linker intervenes between the SNAP-25 antigen 55 and the carrier. It is envisioned that any and all SNAP-25 antigens that triggers an immune response that produce a α-SNAP-25 antibody that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can 60 be useful as a SNAP-25 antigen, including, without limitation, a SNAP-25 antigen derived from a naturally occurring SNAP-25, a SNAP-25 antigen derived from a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25, and a SNAP-25 antigen comprising an immunoreactive fragment of the SNAP-25, the SNAP-25 from a naturally occurring SNAP-25 or a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25. SNAP-25 antigens useful for producing

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 α -SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product include, without limitation, SNAP-25 antigens comprising a SNAP-25 peptide having a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine linked to a carrier peptide, including, without limitation SEO ID NO: 38. Other compositions useful for making α -SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product include, without limitation, a composition comprising a carrier linked to a flexible linker linked to a SNAP-25 antigen a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine, wherein the flexible linker intervenes between the SNAP-25 antigen and the carrier. It is envisioned that any and all adjuvants can be useful in such a composition, including, without limitation, polyethylene glycol (PEG), monomethoxypolyethylene glycol (mPEG), polyvinyl alcohol (PVA), complete and incomplete 20 Freund's adjuvant.

Another aspect disclosed in the present specification provides methods of producing an α-SNAP-25 antibody that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. Aspects of this method comprise the steps of (a) administering to an animal a composition disclosed in the present specification; (b) collecting from the animal a sample containing an α-SNAP-25 antibody or α -SNAP-25 antibody-producing cell; and (c) isolating the α -SNAP-25 antibody from the sample. The methods disclosed are useful for making either α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus glutamine from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product or α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus glutamine from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product.

Still another aspect disclosed in the present specification provides α -SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. Such α -SNAP-25 antibodies include both naturally-occurring and non-naturally-occurring antibodies, as well as, monoclonal α -SNAP-25 antibodies or polyclonal α -SNAP-25 antibodies. Monoclonal α -SNAP-25 antibodies useful as α -SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, include, without limitation, the monoclonal α -SNAP-25 antibodies produced from hybridoma cell lines 1D3B8, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 3C1A5 and 3C3E2.

Yet another aspect disclosed in the present specification provides methods of detecting BoNT/A activity. Aspects of this method comprise the steps of (a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication; (b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; (c) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α -SNAP-25 antibody that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and (d) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of

BoNT/A activity. The α -SNAP-25 antibody of step c can optionally be linked to a solid phase support.

Yet another aspect disclosed in the present specification provides methods of detecting BoNT/A activity. Aspects of this method comprise the steps of (a) treating a cell from an 5 established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line can uptake a BoNT/A; (b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; (c) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α -SNAP-25 antibody that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and (d) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex com- 15 prising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity. The α -SNAP-25 antibody of step c can optionally be linked to a solid phase support.

A further aspect disclosed in the present specification pro- 20 vides methods of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a mammal. Aspects of this method comprise the steps of (a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; (b) treating a cell from an established cell 25 line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication; (c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; (d) 30 contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α -SNAP-25 antibody that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; (e) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the 35 α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; (f) repeating steps a-e with a negative control sample instead of a test sample; and (g) comparing the amount of antibodyantigen complex detected in step (e) to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step (f), wherein detection 40 of a lower amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step (e) relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step (f) is indicative of the presence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies. The α -SNAP-25 antibody of step d can optionally be linked to a solid phase support. The control 45 sample in step f can also include a positive control sample, in addition to the negative control sample.

Clostridia toxins produced by Clostridium botulinum, Clostridium tetani, Clostridium baratii and Clostridium butyricum are the most widely used in therapeutic and cos- 50 metic treatments of humans and other mammals. Strains of C. botulinum produce seven antigenically-distinct serotypes of botulinum toxins (BoNTs), which have been identified by investigating botulism outbreaks in man (BoNT/A, BoNT/B, BoNT/E and BoNT/F), animals (BoNT/C1 and BoNT/D), or 55 isolated from soil (BoNT/G). While all seven botulinum toxin serotypes have similar structure and biological properties, each also displays heterogeneous characteristics, such as, e.g., different pharmacological properties. In contrast, tetanus toxin (TeNT) is produced by a uniform group of C. tetani. 60 Two other species of Clostridia, C. baratii and C. butyricum, also produce toxins similar to BoNT/F and BoNT/E, respectively.

Clostridial toxins are each translated as a single chain polypeptide of approximately 150 kDa that is subsequently cleaved by proteolytic scission within a disulfide loop by a naturally-occurring protease, such as, e.g., an endogenous

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Clostridial toxin protease or a naturally-occurring protease produced in the environment. This post-translational processing yields a di-chain molecule comprising an approximately 50 kDa light chain (LC) and an approximately 100 kDa heavy chain (HC) held together by a single disulfide bond and noncovalent interactions. Each mature di-chain molecule comprises three functionally distinct domains: 1) an enzymatic domain located in the LC that includes a metalloprotease region containing a zinc-dependent endopeptidase activity which specifically targets core components of the neurotransmitter release apparatus; 2) a translocation domain contained within the amino-terminal half of the $HC(H_N)$ that facilitates release of the LC from intracellular vesicles into the cytoplasm of the target cell; and 3) a binding domain found within the carboxyl-terminal half of the HC(H_c) that determines the binding activity and binding specificity of the toxin to the receptor complex located at the surface of the target cell.

The binding, translocation and enzymatic activity of these three functional domains are all necessary for toxicity. While all details of this process are not yet precisely known, the overall cellular intoxication mechanism whereby Clostridial toxins enter a neuron and inhibit neurotransmitter release is similar, regardless of serotype or subtype. Although the applicants have no wish to be limited by the following description, the intoxication mechanism can be described as comprising at least four steps: 1) receptor binding, 2) complex internalization, 3) light chain translocation, and 4) enzymatic target modification (FIG. 1). The process is initiated when the HC domain of a Clostridial toxin binds to a toxin-specific receptor system located on the plasma membrane surface of a target cell. The binding specificity of a receptor complex is thought to be achieved, in part, by specific combinations of gangliosides and protein receptors that appear to distinctly comprise each Clostridial toxin receptor complex. Once bound, the toxin/receptor complexes are internalized by endocytosis and the internalized vesicles are sorted to specific intracellular routes. The translocation step appears to be triggered by the acidification of the vesicle compartment. This process seems to initiate important pH-dependent structural rearrangements that increase hydrophobicity, promote pore formation, and facilitate separation of the heavy and light chains of the toxin. Once separated, the light chain endopeptidase of the toxin is released from the intracellular vesicle into the cytosol where it appears to specifically target core components of the neurotransmitter release apparatus. These core proteins, vesicleassociated membrane protein (VAMP)/synaptobrevin, synaptosomal-associated protein of 25 kDa (SNAP-25) and Syntaxin, are necessary for synaptic vesicle docking and fusion at the nerve terminal and constitute members of the soluble N-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor-attachment protein-receptor (SNARE) family. BoNT/A and BoNT/E cleave SNAP-25 in the carboxyl terminal region, releasing a nine or twenty six amino acid fragment, respectively, and BoNT/C1 also cleaves SNAP-25 near the carboxyl terminus releasing an eight amino acid fragment. The botulinum serotypes BoNT/B, BoNT/D, BoNT/F and BoNT/G, and tetanus toxin, act on the conserved central portion of VAMP, and release the amino terminal portion of VAMP into the cytosol. BoNT/C1 cleaves syntaxin at a single site near the cytosolic membrane surface. The selective proteolysis of synaptic SNAREs accounts for the block of neurotransmitter release caused by Clostridial toxins in vivo. The SNARE protein targets of Clostridial toxins are common to exocytosis in a variety of non-neuronal types; in these cells, as in neurons, light chain peptidase activity inhibits exocytosis, see, e.g., Yann Humeau et al., How Botulinum and Tetanus Neurotoxins Block Neurotransmitter Release, 82(5) Biochimie. 427-446 (2000);

Kathryn Turton et al., *Botulinum and Tetanus Neurotoxins:* Structure, Function and Therapeutic Utility, 27(11) Trends Biochem. Sci. 552-558. (2002); Giovanna Lalli et al., *The Journey of Tetanus and Botulinum Neurotoxins in Neurons*, 11(9) Trends Microbiol. 431-437, (2003).

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a composition for producing α-SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. Other aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, an immune response inducing composition for producing α-SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. As used herein, the term "immune response 15 inducing composition" refers to a composition comprising a SNAP-25 antigen which, when administered to an animal, stimulates an immune response against the SNAP-25 antigen, thereby producing α-SNAP-25 antibodies that can bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue 20 from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. The term "immune response" refers to any response by the immune system of an animal to an immune response inducing composition. Exemplary immune responses include, but are not limited to, cellular as well as 25 local and systemic humoral immunity, such as, e.g., CTL responses, including antigen-specific induction of CD8+ CTLs, helper T-cell responses, including T-cell proliferative responses and cytokine release, and B-cell responses including, e.g., an antibody producing response. The term "inducing an immune response" refers to administration of an immune response inducing composition or a polynucleotide encoding the immune response inducing composition, where an immune response is affected, i.e., stimulated, initiated or induced.

A composition comprises a SNAP-25 antigen. As used herein, the term "antigen" refers to a molecule that elicits an immune response and includes, without limitation, peptides, polysaccharides and conjugates of lipids, such as, e.g., lipoproteins and glycolipids. As used herein, the term "SNAP-25 40 antigen" refers to any antigen which has a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond that can elicit an immune response. A SNAP-25 antigen used in an immune response inducing composition must be large enough to be substantially unique in sequence, thus reducing 45 the possibility of producing antibodies that are cross reactive against antigens other than SNAP-25. In addition, a SNAP-25 antigen used in an immune response inducing composition must be small enough to only trigger an immune response substantially against a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus 50 at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, thus increasing the possibility of producing α -SNAP-25 antibodies that can distinguish a SNAP-25 having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 lacking a carboxyl-terminus at the 55 P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. Furthermore, it is also very desirable to generate α -SNAP-25 antibodies of a single amino acid sequence in a good yield that are reproducibly selective and which bind with acceptable avidity in order to permit the design of a highly sensitive 60

The sequence surrounding a BoNT/A cleavage site present in SNAP-25 is denoted as $P_5-P_4-P_3-P_2-P_1-P_1'-P_2'-P_3'-P_4'-P_5'$, with P_1-P_1' representing the scissile bond. Upon cleavage by BoNT/A, the resulting cleavage products produced comprise 65 a fragment including the $P_5-P_4-P_3-P_2-P_1$ sequence and a fragment including the $P_1'-P_2'-P_3'-P_4'-P_5'$. Thus, as used herein,

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the term "SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond" refers to any SNAP-25 having the P₁ residue as its carboxyl-terminal amino acid. For example, Q_{197} - R_{198} of human SNAP-25 (SEQ ID NO: 5) represents the P_1 - P_1 ' scissile bond for the BoNT/A cleavage site. As such, "SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus glutamine of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond" would be any SNAP-25 cleavage product having a glutamine at its carboxyl-terminal amino acid where the glutamine represents Q₁₉₇ of the scissile bond. As another example, K₂₀₄-H₂₀₅ of Torpedo marmorata SNAP-25 (SEQ ID NO: 16) represents the P₁-P₁' scissile bond for the BoNT/A cleavage site. As such, "SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus lysine of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond" would be any SNAP-25 cleavage product having a lysine at its carboxyl-terminal amino acid where the lysine represents K_{204} of the scissile bond.

The SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from the BoNT/A cleavage site can be modified to enhance the immunogenicity of a SNAP-25 antigen, a hapten, or any other antigenic compound that is immunogenic, non-immunogenic, or weakly immunogenic when not associated with the modification. In an aspect of this embodiment, the carboxylterminal P₁ residue from the scissile bond of a SNAP-25 antigen can be carboxylated. Carboxylation increases the desired immunogenic properties of a SNAP-25 antigen in two respects. First, because charged amino acids enhance immunogenicity, adding a COO⁻ group to the carboxyl-terminal residue will increase the overall immunogenicity of a SNAP-25 antigen. Second, because the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond is in a charged state upon cleavage, adding a COO⁻ group to the carboxyl-terminal residue will better mimic the actual antigen that the α-SNAP-25 antibod-35 ies disclosed in the present specification are designed to bind.

In an aspect of this embodiment, the amino-terminal residue from a SNAP-25 antigen can be modified by the addition of an amino acid adapted to attach the SNAP-25 antigen to a carrier protein, such as, e.g., a keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), an ovalbumin (OVA), a thyroglobulin (THY), a bovine serum albumin (BSA), a soybean trypsin inhibitor (STI), or a multiple attachment peptide (MAP). For example, a cysteine residue can be placed at the amino-terminus in order to conjugate the carrier protein KLH.

Thus, an embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can be, e.g., at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, at least 8, at least 9, at least 10, at least 11, at least 12, at least 13, at least 14, at least 15, at least 16, at least 17, at least 18, at least 19, at least 20, at least 25, or at least 30 amino acids in length. In another embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can be, e.g., at most 5, at most 6, at most 7, at most 8, at most 9, at most 10, at most 11, at most 12, at most 13, at most 14, at most 15, at most 16, at most 17, at most 18, at most 19, at most 20, at most 25, or at most 30 amino acids in length. In still another embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can be, e.g., between 7-12 amino acids, between 10-15 amino acids, or between 13-18 amino

In another embodiment, the SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond comprises SEQ ID NO: 32. In aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond comprises SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID

NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148. In a further embodiment, the SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the $\rm P_1$ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond comprises SEQ ID NO: 38

In yet another embodiment, the SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the $\rm P_1$ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond comprises SEQ ID NO: 39. In aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the $\rm P_1$ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond comprises SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43 or SEQ ID NO: 44. In a further embodiment, the SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the $\rm P_1$ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond comprises SEQ ID NO: 45.

It is envisioned that any and all SNAP-25 antigens that triggers an immune response that produces α -SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond 20 from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be useful as a SNAP-25 antigen. Thus, amino acid sequence variants comprising SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID 25 NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148 can be useful as a SNAP-25 antigen to trigger an immune response that produces α-SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. Thus, in an embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen can substitute at least 1, at least 2, at least 3, at least 4, or at least 5 amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions to the SNAP-25 antigens comprising SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, 35 SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148. In still another embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen can have at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino 40 acid identity to the SNAP-25 antigens comprising SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148.

It is envisioned that one or more carriers may be linked to a SNAP-25 antigen in order to enhance the immunogenicity of a SNAP-25 antigen that is immunogenic, non-immunogenic, or weakly immunogenic when not associated with the carrier. Non-limiting examples, include, e.g., a keyhole lim- 50 pet hemocyanin (KLH), an ovalbumin (OVA), a thyroglobulin (THY), a bovine serum albumin (BSA), a soybean trypsin inhibitor (STI), or a multiple attachment peptide (MAP). As is well known in the art, a non-antigenic or weakly antigenic antigen can be made antigenic by coupling the antigen to a 55 carrier. Various other carrier and methods for coupling an antigen to a carrier are well known in the art. See, e.g., Harlow and Lane, supra, 1998a; Harlow and Lane, supra, 1998b; and David W. Waggoner, Jr. et al., Immunogenicity-enhancing carriers and compositions thereof and methods of using the 60 same, U.S. Patent Publication No. 20040057958 (Mar. 25, 2004). An epitope can also be generated by expressing the epitope as a fusion protein. Methods for expressing polypeptide fusions are well known to those skilled in the art as described, for example, in Ausubel et al., Current Protocols in 65 Molecular Biology (Supplement 47), John Wiley & Sons, New York (1999). As the carboxyl-terminal end of the SNAP-

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25 antigen must be the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, a carrier must be linked to the amino end of the SNAP-25 antigen.

It is envisioned that one or more flexible spacers may be linked to a SNAP-25 antigen in order to enhance the immunogenicity of a SNAP-25 antigen that is immunogenic, nonimmunogenic, or weakly immunogenic when not associated with the flexible linkers. A flexible spacer increases the overall peptide length of the SNAP-25 antigen and provides flexibility, thereby facilitating the proper presentation of the SNAP-25 antigen to the immune cells. As a non-limiting example, a composition can comprise a SNAP-25 antigen linked to one or more flexible spacers in tandem to better present SNAP-25 antigen to immune cells, thereby facilitating the immune response.

A flexible space comprising a peptide is at least one amino acid in length and comprises non-charged amino acids with small side-chain R groups, such as, e.g., glycine, alanine, valine, leucine or serine. Thus, in an embodiment a flexible spacer can be, e.g., at least 1, at least 2, at least 3, at least 4, at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, at least 8, at least 9, or at least 10 amino acids in length. In another embodiment, a flexible spacer can be, e.g., at least 1, at most 2, at most 3, at most 4, at most 5, at most 6, at most 7, at most 8, at most 9, or at most 10 amino acids in length. In still another embodiment, a flexible spacer can be, e.g., between 1-3 amino acids, between 2-4 amino acids, between 3-5 amino acids, between 4-6 amino acids, or between 5-7 amino acids. Non-limiting examples of a flexible spacer include, e.g., a G-spacers such as GGG, GGGG (SEQ ID NO: 55), and GGGGS (SEQ ID NO: 56) or an A-spacers such as AAA, AAAA (SEQ ID NO: 57) and AAAAV (SEQ ID NO: 58). A flexible spacer is linked in-frame to the SNAP-25 antigen as a fusion protein.

As discussed above, a flexible spacer is used, in part, to increase the overall peptide length of the SNAP-25 antigen. For example, a 5-10 amino acid SNAP-25 antigen can have its overall length increased by linking a 3-5 amino acid flexible space to the amino-end of the SNAP-25 antigen. As another example, a 5-10 amino acid SNAP-25 antigen can have its overall length increased by linking a 4-6 amino acid flexible space to the amino-end of the SNAP-25 antigen. As another example, a 5-10 amino acid SNAP-25 antigen can have its overall length increased by linking a 7-10 amino acid flexible space to the amino-end of the SNAP-25 antigen. As another example, a 7-12 amino acid SNAP-25 antigen can have its overall length increased by linking a 1-3 amino acid flexible space to the amino-end of the SNAP-25 antigen. As another example, a 7-12 amino acid SNAP-25 antigen can have its overall length increased by linking a 4-6 amino acid flexible space to the amino-end of the SNAP-25 antigen. The increased length provided by the flexible spacer allows for the selection of a small sized SNAP-25 antigen, thereby increasing the likelihood that the SNAP-25 antigen will only trigger an immune response substantially against a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, thus increasing the possibility of producing α-SNAP-25 antibodies that can distinguish a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 lacking a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

It is envisioned that compositions disclosed in the present specification can optionally comprise a SNAP-25 antigen disclosed in the present specification and one or more adjuvants. As used herein, the term "adjuvant" when used in reference to a SNAP-25 composition refers to any substance or mixture of substances that increases or diversifies the

immune response to a SNAP-25 antigen. An adjuvant can, for example, serve to reduce the number of immunizations or the amount of antigen required for protective immunization. The use of adjuvants in an immune response inducing composition is well known. The main objective of these adjuvants is to 5 allow an increase in the immune response. Non-limiting adjuvants include, e.g., liposomes, oily phases, including, without limitation, the Freund type of adjuvants, such as, e.g., Freund's complete adjuvant (FCA); Freund's incomplete adjuvant (FIA); sapogenin glycosides, such as, e.g., saponins; 10 carbopol; N-acetylmuramyl-L-alanyl-D-isoglutamine (commonly known as muramyl dipeptide or "MDP"); and lipopolysaccharide (LPS). Such adjuvants are generally used in the form of an emulsion with an aqueous phase, or, more commonly, may consist of water-insoluble inorganic salts. 15 These inorganic salts may consist, for example, of aluminum hydroxide, zinc sulfate, colloidal iron hydroxide, calcium phosphate or calcium chloride. Aluminum hydroxide (Al (OH)₃) is a commonly used adjuvant. Currently, the only FDA-approved adjuvant for use in humans is aluminum salts 20 (Alum) which are used to "depot" antigens by precipitation of the antigens. Adjuvants provided above are merely exemplary. In fact, any adjuvant may be used in a SNAP-25 composition disclosed in the present specification as long as the adjuvant satisfies the requisite characteristics for inducing an 25 immune response.

A carrier disclosed in the present specification may also act as an adjuvant. Specific adjuvants and methods of making and using are described in, e.g., Gupta et al. Vaccine, 11: 993-306, 1993; Amon, R. (Ed.) Synthetic Vaccines 1:83-92, CRC 30 Press, Inc., Boca Raton, Fla., 1987; and David W. Waggoner, Jr. et al., Immunogenicity-Enhancing Carriers and Compositions Thereof and Methods of Using the Same, U.S. Patent Publication No. 20040057958 (Mar. 25, 2004). Additional adjuvants include any compound described in Chapter 7 (pp 35 141-227) of "Vaccine Design, The Subunit and Adjuvant Approach" (eds. Powell, M. F. and Newman, M. J.) Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Volume 6, Plenum Press (New York). Examples from this compendium include Muramyl Dipeptide (MOP) and Montanide 720. Molecules such as Poly 40 Inosine: Cytosine (Poly I:C) or plasmid DNA containing CpG motifs can also be administered as adjuvants in combination with antigens encapsulated in microparticles. In another example, the adjuvant is an agent that facilitates entry of the antigenic compound into the cytoplasm of a cell such as 45 listeriolysin, streptolysin or a mixture thereof.

Thus, in an embodiment, a SNAP-25 composition comprises a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated carboxylterminal glutamine linked to a carrier peptide. In aspects of this embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated 50 carboxyl-terminal glutamine comprises SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148. In another aspect of this embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO: 38. In aspects of this embodiment, the carrier peptide is a keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), an ovalbumin (OVA), a thyroglobulin (THY), a bovine serum albumin (BSA), a soybean trypsin inhibitor (STI) or a multiple attachment peptide (MAP).

In another embodiment, a SNAP-25 composition comprises a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated carboxylterminal lysine linked to a carrier peptide. In aspects of this embodiment, SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated carboxyl-terminal lysine comprises SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43 or 65 SEQ ID NO: 44. In another aspect of this embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO: 45. In aspects of

this embodiment, the carrier peptide is a keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), an ovalbumin (OVA), a thyroglobulin (THY), a bovine serum albumin (BSA), a soybean trypsin inhibitor (STI) or a multiple attachment peptide (MAP).

In yet another embodiment, a SNAP-25 composition comprises a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine linked to one or more flexible linkers and a carrier peptide wherein the flexible linkers intervene between the SNAP-25 antigen and the carrier peptide. In aspects of this embodiment, SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated carboxyl-terminal glutamine comprises SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148. In another embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO: 46. In aspects of this embodiment, the carrier peptide is a keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), an ovalbumin (OVA), a thyroglobulin (THY), a bovine serum albumin (BSA), a soybean trypsin inhibitor (STI) or a multiple attachment peptide (MAP). In aspects of this embodiment, the flexible linker is a G-spacer or an A-spacer.

In still another embodiment, a SNAP-25 composition comprises a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated C-terminal lysine linked to a flexible linker and a carrier peptide wherein the flexible linker intervenes between the SNAP-25 antigen and the carrier peptide. In aspects of this embodiment, SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated carboxyl-terminal lysine comprises SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43 or SEQ ID NO: 44. In another aspect of this embodiment, a SNAP-25 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO: 47. In aspects of this embodiment, the carrier peptide is a keyhole limpet hemocyanin (KLH), an ovalbumin (OVA), a thyroglobulin (THY), a bovine serum albumin (BSA), a soybean trypsin inhibitor (STI) or a multiple attachment peptide (MAP). In aspects of this embodiment, the flexible linker is a G-spacer or an A-spacer.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a method for producing α-SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. An α-SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be produced by a wide variety of methods that are well known in the art. Specific protocols for making and using antibodies as well as detecting, and measuring antibody binding specificity, binding affinity and binding avidity are known in the art. See, e.g., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL (Edward Harlow & David Lane, eds., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1998a); and Using Antibodies: A Laboratory Manual: Portable Pro-TOCOL No. I (Edward Harlow & David Lane, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1998b); Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, 2001; and Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, 2004; David Anderson et al., Therapeutic Polypeptides, Nucleic Acids Encoding Same, and Methods of Use, U.S. Pat. No. 7,034,132 (Apr. 25, 2005); and Beatriz M. Carreno et al., Antibodies Against CTLA4, U.S. Pat. No. 7,034,121 (Apr. 25, 2006).

As a non-limiting example, α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be produced by injecting an animal, such as, e.g., a rabbit, a goat, a mouse or another mammal, with one or more injections of a composition disclosed in the present specification. As another non-limiting example, α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁

residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be produced by injecting an egg, such as, e.g., a chicken egg, with one or more injections of a composition disclosed in the present specification. The antibody titer in the immunized animal can be monitored over 5 time by standard techniques, such as with an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) using immobilized antigen or a cell-based activity assay. If desired, polyclonal antibodies for an α-SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be isolated from the mammal (e.g., from the blood) and further purified by well known techniques, such as protein A affinity chromatography to obtain the IgG fraction, or by affinity purification against the peptide used for producing the 15 antibodies.

As another non-limiting example, α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be pro- 20 duced using a hybridoma method. See e.g., Chapter 6 Monoclonal Antibodies, pp. 196-244, Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a; and Chapter 7 Growing Hybridomas, pp. 245-282, Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a; and Goding, pp. 59-103, Press, (1986). In this method, a host animal, such as, e.g., a mouse, a hamster, or another appropriate host animal, is typically exposed to one or more injections of a SNAP-25 antigen disclosed in the present specification to elicit lymphocytes that produce or are capable of producing α -SNAP-25 anti- 30 bodies that will specifically bind to a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. The antibody titer in the immunized animal can be monitored over time by standard techniques, such as with an enzyme linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) using 35 immobilized antigen or a cell-based activity assay. Alternatively, the lymphocytes can be immunized in vitro using a suitable cell culture line. At an appropriate time after immunization, e.g., when the antibody titers are highest, antibodyproducing cells are isolated from the animal. Generally, either 40 peripheral blood lymphocytes are used, if cells of human origin are desired, or spleen cells or lymph node cells are used, if non-human mammalian sources are desired. The isolated antibody-producing cells are fused with an immortal cell line using a suitable fusing agent, such as polyethylene 45 glycol, to form a hybridoma cell. Immortalized cell lines are usually transformed mammalian cells, particularly myeloma cells of rodent, bovine and human origin. Typically, a murine myeloma cell line is fused with splenocytes harvested from an appropriately immunized mouse to produce the hybridoma. 50 Preferred immortal cell lines are mouse myeloma cell lines that are sensitive to culture medium containing hypoxanthine, aminopterin and thymidine (HAT). Any of a number of myeloma cell lines can be used as a fusion partner according to standard techniques, e.g., the P3-NS1/1-Ag4-1, P3-x63-55 Ag8.653 or Sp2/O-Ag14 myeloma lines. Hybridoma cells resulting from the fusion are then selected using HAT medium, which kills unfused and unproductively fused myeloma cells (unfused splenocytes die after several days in culture because they are not transformed). The culture 60 medium in which the hybridoma cells are grown can then be assayed for the presence of α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. For example, hybridoma supernatants can be screened using α -SNAP-25 positive media in an immunoprecipitation assay, in vitro binding assay, such as,

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e.g., a radioimmunoassay (RIA) or an enzyme-linked immunoabsorbent assay (ELISA), or in a cell-based activity assay. Such techniques and assays are known in the art. See e.g., Chapter 11 Immunoprecipitation, pp. 421-470, Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a; Chapter 12 Immunoblotting, pp. 471-510, Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a; Chapter 14 Immunoassays, pp. 553-612, Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a. Additional studies can then be done to determine whether the antibody is also unreactive to a SNAP-25 lacking a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. The binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody can also be determined, e.g., by Scatchard analysis. See, e.g., Peter J. Munson and David Rodbard, Ligand: A Versatile Computerized Approach For Characterization of Ligand-Binding Systems, 107(1) Anal. Biochem. 220-239 (1980). After the desired hybridoma cells are identified, limiting dilution procedures are used to isolate clones originating from a single cell until a clonal cell line expressing the desired monoclonal antibody is obtained. Those antibodies sufficiently selective for a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond and bind with sufficiently high avidity are chosen for further characterization and study.

Another alternative for preparing an α-SNAP-25 mono-Monoclonal Antibodies: Principles and Practice, Academic 25 clonal antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product is by screening a recombinant combinatorial immunoglobulin library, such as, e.g., an antibody phage display library, with a SNAP-25 peptide and isolate immunoglobulin library members that bind a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. Kits for generating and screening phage display libraries are commercially available, such as, e.g., the Recombinant Phage Antibody System (Amersham GE Healthcare, Piscataway, N.J.); and the SurfZAPTM Phage Display Kit (Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.). Additionally, examples of methods and reagents useful in generating and screening antibody display library can be found in, for example, Ladner et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,223,409; Borrebaeck et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,712,089; Griffiths et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,885,793; Griffiths et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,962,255; McCafferty et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,969,108; Griffiths et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,010,884; Jespers et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,017,732; Borrebaeck et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,027,930; Johnson et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,140,471; McCafferty et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,172,197, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, collecting a sample containing an α -SNAP-25 antibody or α -SNAP-25 antibody-producing cells. As used herein, the term "sample containing an α -SNAP-25 antibody or α -SNAP-25 antibody-producing cell" refers to any biological matter that contains or potentially contains at least one an α -SNAP-25 antibody that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. It is envisioned that any and all samples that can contain an α-SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be used in this method, including, without limitation, blood, plasma, serum and lymph fluid. It is also envisioned that any cell capable of producing an α-SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be used in this method, including, without limitation, a CD8 cells, a CTL cell, a helper T-cell and a

B-cell. A variety of well known methods can be used for collecting from an individual a sample containing the α-SNAP-25 antibody or α-SNAP-25 antibody-producing cell, see, e.g., Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a; and Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998b. Similarly, a variety of well known methods can be used for processing a sample to isolate an α-SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. A procedure for collecting a sample can be selected based on the type of antibody to be isolated. As a non-limiting example, when isolating an α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, an appropriate sample can be a 15 blood sample containing such α-SNAP-25 antibodies, whereas when isolating an α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, an appropriate sample can be 20 an α-SNAP-25 antibody-producing cell such as a spleen cell or hybridoma.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, isolating an α -SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleav- 25 age site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product from the sample. Methods of isolating an such α -SNAP-25 antibodies, such as, e.g., α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a 30 SNAP-25 cleavage product or α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product are well known to those skilled in the art. See, e.g., Harlow and Lane, supra, 1998a; 35 and Harlow and Lane, supra, 1998b. For example, such α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies can be isolated from the sample by well known techniques, such as, e.g., affinity chromatography using protein A or protein G, which provide primarily the IgG fraction of immune serum. Subsequently, 40 or alternatively, a specific SNAP-25 antigen can be immobilized on a column or magnetic beads to purify the α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product by 45 immunoaffinity chromatography. An α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product can be isolated from the culture medium or ascites fluid by conventional 50 immunoglobulin purification procedures such as, e.g., protein A-Sepharose, hydroxylapatite chromatography, gel electrophoresis, dialysis, or affinity chromatography.

Thus, in an embodiment, a method of producing an $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product comprises the steps (a) administering to an animal a composition comprising a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine linked to a carrier peptide; (b) collecting from the animal a sample containing an $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ antibody or $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ antibody-producing cell; and (c) isolating the $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ antibody component from the sample. In an aspect of this embodiment, the $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 for residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product is a polyclonal antibody. In

another aspect of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product is a monoclonal antibody. In a further aspect of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product produced is an IgG subtype. In other aspects of this embodiment, SNAP-25 composition further comprises an adjuvant, such as, e.g., polyethylene glycol (PEG), monomethoxypolyethylene glycol (mPEG), or polyvinyl alcohol (PVA).

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In another embodiment, a method of producing α -SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product comprises the steps (a) administering to an animal a composition comprising a SNAP-25 peptide having a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine linked to a flexible linker and a carrier peptide wherein the flexible linker intervenes between the SNAP-25 peptide and the carrier peptide; (b) collecting from the animal a sample containing an α -SNAP-25 antibody or α -SNAP-25 antibody-producing cell; and (c) isolating the α -SNAP-25 antibody from the sample. In an aspect of this embodiment, the α -SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product is a polyclonal antibody. In another aspect of this embodiment, α-SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product is a monoclonal antibody. In a further aspect of this embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product produced in an IgG subtype. In other aspects of this embodiment, SNAP-25 composition further comprises an adjuvant, such as, e.g., polyethylene glycol (PEG), monomethoxypolyethylene glycol (mPEG), or polyvinyl alcohol (PVA).

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, an isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. As used herein, the term Isolated" refers to separating a molecule from its natural environment by the use of human intervention. As used herein, the term "antibody" refers to a molecule generated by an immune system that was made in response to a particular antigen that specifically binds to that antigen, and includes both naturally occurring antibodies and non-naturally occurring antibodies. As used herein, the term "α-SNAP-25" is synonymous with "anti-SNAP-25" and refers to an antibody that binds to a SNAP-25 antigen. For example, an antibody can be a polyclonal antibody, a monoclonal antibody, a dimer, a multimer, a multispecific antibody, a humanized antibody, a chimeric antibody, bi-functional antibody, a cell-associated antibody like an Ig receptor, a linear antibody, a diabody, or a minibody, so long as the fragment exhibits the desired biological activity, and single chain derivatives of the same. An antibody can be a full-length immunoglobulin molecule comprising the V_H and V_L domains, as well as a light chain constant domain (C_L) and heavy chain constant domains, C_{H1} , C_{H2} and C_{H3} , or an immunologically active fragment of a full-length immunoglobulin molecule, such as, e.g., a Fab fragment, a F(ab')₂ fragment, a Fc fragment, a Fd fragment, a Fv fragment. An antibody can be derived from any vertebrate species (e.g.,

human, goat, horse, donkey, murine, rat, rabbit, or chicken), and can be of any type (e.g., IgG, IgE, IgM, IgD, and IgA), class (e.g., IgA, IgD, IgE, IgG, and IgM) or subclass (IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, IgG4, IgA1 and IgA2). For general disclosure on the structure of naturally occurring antibodies, non-naturally occurring antibodies, and antigenic compound-binding fragments thereof, see, e.g., Pluckthun in The Pharmacology of Monoclonal Antibodies, vol. 113, Rosenburg and Moore eds., Springer-Verlag, New York, pp. 269-315 (1994); Borrabeck, Antibody Engineering, 2d ed. (Oxford University Press 1995), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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Naturally-occurring antibodies are usually heterotetrameric glycoproteins of about 150,000 daltons, composed of two identical light (L) chains and two identical heavy (H) chains. Each light chain is linked to a heavy chain by one covalent disulfide bond, while the number of disulfide linkages varies among the heavy chains of different immunoglobulin isotypes. Each heavy and light chain also has regularly spaced intrachain disulfide bridges. Each heavy chain has at 20 one end a variable domain (V_H) followed by a number of constant domains. Each light chain has a variable domain at one end (V_L) and a constant domain at its other end. The constant domain of the light chain is aligned with the first constant domain of the heavy chain, and the light-chain vari- 25 able domain is aligned with the variable domain of the heavy chain. Particular amino acid residues are believed to form an interface between the light chain and heavy chain variable domains.

The complete antigen-recognition and antigen-binding site 30 is contained within the variable domains of the antibody, i.e., the Fv fragment. This fragment includes a dimer of one heavy chain variable domain (V_H) and one light chain variable domain (V_L) in tight, non-covalent association. Each domain comprises four framework regions (FR), which largely adopt- 35 ing a β -sheet configuration, connected by three hypervariable regions, which form loops connecting, and in some cases form part of, the β -sheet structure. Each hypervariable region comprises an amino acid sequence corresponding to a complementarity determining region (CDRs). Collectively, it 40 the three-dimensional configuration of the six CDR regions that define an antigen-binding site on the surface of the V_H - V_L dimmer that confers antigen-binding specificity. See e.g., Cyrus Chothia, et al., Conformations of Immunoglobulin Hypervariable Regions, Nature 342(6252): 877-883 (1989); 45 Elvin A. Kabat, et al Sequences of Proteins of Immunological Interest, 5th Ed. Public Health Service, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md. (1991), each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. The constant domains of the antibody are not involved directly in binding an antibody to an 50 antigen, but exhibit various effector functions, such as participation of the antibody in antibody dependent cellular cyto-

A target antigen generally has one or more binding sites, also called epitopes, which are recognized by the CDR-55 formed antigen-binding site. As used herein, an "epitope" is synonymous with "antigenic determinant" and refers to the site on a target antigen, such as, e.g., a peptide, polysaccharide or lipid-containing molecule, capable of specific binding to an immunoglobulin or T-cell receptor or otherwise interacting with a molecule. Each antibody that specifically binds to a different epitope has a different structure. Thus, one antigen may have more than one corresponding antibody.

Polyclonal antibodies refer to a heterogeneous population of antibody molecules that contain at least two species of 65 antibody capable of binding to a particular antigen. By definition, a polyclonal antibody includes two different antibod-

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ies that bind to at least two different epitopes. As used herein, the term "monoclonal antibody" or "monoclonal antibodies" refer to a substantially homogeneous population of antibody molecules that contain only one species of antibody capable of binding a particular antigen i.e., the individual antibodies comprising the population are identical except for possible naturally occurring mutations that may be present in minor amounts. By definition, a monoclonal antibody binds to a single epitope. Monoclonal antibodies are highly specific, being directed against a single antigenic site. Furthermore, in contrast to polyclonal antibodies, each monoclonal antibody is directed against a single determinant on the antigen. In addition to their specificity, the monoclonal antibodies are advantageous in that they may be synthesized uncontaminated by other antibodies. The modifier "monoclonal" indicates the character of the antibody as being obtained from a substantially homogeneous population of antibodies, and is not to be construed as requiring production of the antibody by any particular method. For example, the monoclonal antibodies to be used in accordance with the present disclosure may be made by the hybridoma method first described by Kohler et al (1975) Nature 256:495, or may be made by recombinant DNA methods (see for example: U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,816,567; 5,807,715). The monoclonal antibodies may also be isolated from phage antibody libraries using the techniques described in Clackson et al (1991) Nature, 352:624-628; Marks et al (1991) J. Mol. Biol., 222:581-597; for example.

Thus, in an embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain (V_H) and a light chain variable domain (V_L) that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. In an aspect of this embodiment, the heavy chain variable domain (V_H) is SEQ ID NO: 72, SEQ ID NO: 74, SEQ ID NO: 76, SEQ ID NO: 80, or SEQ ID NO: 82. In another aspect of this embodiment, the light chain variable domain (V_L) is SEQ ID NO: 84, SEQ ID NO: 86, SEQ ID NO: 88, SEQ ID NO: 90, or SEQ ID NO: 92.

In another embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable domain (V_H) CDR1 region, a CDR2 region, a CDR3 region, or any combination thereof that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. In an aspect of this embodiment, the heavy chain variable domain (V_H) CDR1 region is SEQ ID NO: 93, SEQ ID NO: 94, SEQ ID NO: 95, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 119, or SEQ ID NO: 120. In another aspect of this embodiment, the heavy chain variable domain (V_H) CDR2 region is SEQ ID NO: 96, SEQ ID NO: 97, SEQ ID NO: 98, SEQ ID NO: 99, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 122, or SEQ ID NO: 123. In yet another aspect of this embodiment, the heavy chain variable domain (V_H) CDR3 region is SEQ ID NO: 100, SEQ ID NO: 101, SEQ ID NO: 102, or SEQ ID NO: 124.

In another embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises a light chain variable domain (V_L) CDR1 region, a CDR2 region, a CDR3 region, or any combination thereof that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. In an aspect of this embodiment, the light chain variable domain (V_L) CDR1 region is SEQ ID NO: 103, SEQ ID NO: 104, SEQ ID NO: 105, SEQ ID NO: 106, SEQ ID NO: 107, SEQ ID NO: 125, SEQ ID NO: 126, SEQ ID NO: 127, SEQ ID NO: 128, or SEQ ID NO: 129. In another aspect of this embodiment, the light chain variable domain (V_L) CDR2 region is SEQ ID NO: 108, SEQ ID NO: 109, SEQ ID NO: 110, SEQ ID NO: 111, or SEQ ID NO: 112. In yet another aspect of this embodiment, the light chain variable domain

 (V_L) CDR3 region is SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 114, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 116, or SEQ ID NO: 117.

In yet another embodiment, an $\alpha\textsc{-}SNAP\textsc{-}25$ antibody specifically binds an epitope comprising a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. In an aspect of this embodiment, the epitope comprises SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148. In an aspect of this embodiment, the epitope comprises SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, or SEQ ID NO: 44.

As discussed above, the sequence surrounding a BoNT/A cleavage site present in SNAP-25 is denoted P₅-P₄-P₃-P₂-P₁- $P_1'-P_2'-P_3'-P_4'-P_5'$, with P_1-P_1' representing the scissile bond. Upon cleavage by BoNT/A, the resulting cleavage products produced comprise a fragment including the P₅-P₄-P₃-P₂-P₁ sequence and a fragment including the P₁'-P₂'-P₃'P₄'-P₅'. As used herein, the term "α-SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an 20 epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product" refers to α-SNAP-25 antibodies that selectively bind to any SNAP-25 cleavage product fragment comprising the P₅-P₄-P₃-P₂-P₁ sequence, but not to any SNAP-25 25 cleavage product fragment comprising the P₁'-P₂'-P₃'-P₄'-P₅' sequence or to any SNAP-25 having an intact P₁-P₁' scissile bond of a BoNT/A cleavage site. As used herein, the term "α-SNAP-25₁₉₇ antibody" refers to an antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus P₁ residue that corresponds to glutamine 197 of SEQ ID NO: 5. As used herein, the term " α -SNAP-25₂₀₄ antibody" refers to an antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus P₁ residue that corresponds to lysine 204 of SEQ ID NO: 16.

As used herein, the term "selectively" refers to having a unique effect or influence or reacting in only one way or with only one thing. As used herein, the term "selectively binds," when made in reference to an antibody, refers to the discriminatory binding of the antibody to the indicated target epitope such that the antibody does not substantially cross react with non-target epitopes. The minimal size of a peptide epitope, as defined herein, is about five amino acids, and a peptide epitope typically comprises at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, at 45 least 8, at least 9, at least 10, at least 15, or at least 20 amino acids. A peptide epitope may be discontinuous, i.e., it comprises amino acid residues that are not adjacent in the primary structure of the peptide but are brought together into an epitope by way of the secondary, tertiary, or quaternary struc- 50 ture of the peptide. Furthermore, it is also noted that an epitope might comprise a portion of a molecule other than an amino acid sequence, such as, e.g., a carbohydrate moiety, a lipid moiety like lipoproteins or glycolipids, or a chemicallymodified amino acid moiety like a phosphorylated amino 55 acid. In aspects of this embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can selectively bind a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage 60 site scissile bond comprising at least 5, at least 6, at least 7, at least 8, at least 9, at least 10, at least 15, or at least 20 amino acids. In other aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage 65 site scissile bond can selectively bind a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A

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cleavage site scissile bond comprising at most 5, at most 6, at most 7, at most 8, at most 9, at most 10, at most 15, or at most 20 amino acids.

Selective binding includes binding properties such as, e.g., binding affinity, binding specificity, and binding avidity. See David J. King, Applications and Engineering of Monoclonal Antibodies, pp. 240 (1998). Binding affinity refers to the length of time the antibody resides at its epitope binding site, and can be viewed as the strength with which an antibody binds its epitope. Binding affinity can be described an antibody's equilibrium dissociation constant (KD), which is defined as the ratio Kd/Ka at equilibrium. Where Ka is the antibody's association rate constant and kd is the antibody's dissociation rate constant. Binding affinity is determined by both the association and the dissociation and alone neither high association or low dissociation can ensure high affinity. The association rate constant (Ka), or on-rate constant (Kon), measures the number of binding events per unit time, or the propensity of the antibody and the antigen to associate reversibly into its antibody-antigen complex. The association rate constant is expressed in M⁻¹ s⁻¹, and is symbolized as follows: [Ab]×[Ag]×Kon. The larger the association rate constant, the more rapidly the antibody binds to its antigen, or the higher the binding affinity between antibody and antigen. The dissociation rate constant (Kd), or off-rate constant (Koff), measures the number of dissociation events per unit time propensity of an antibody-antigen complex to separate (dissociate) reversibly into its component molecules, namely the antibody and the antigen. The dissociation rate constant is expressed in s⁻¹, and is symbolized as follows: [Ab+Ag]× Koff. The smaller the dissociation rate constant, the more tightly bound the antibody is to its antigen, or the higher the binding affinity between antibody and antigen. The equilibrium dissociation constant (KD) measures the rate at which new antibody-antigen complexes formed equals the rate at which antibody-antigen complexes dissociate at equilibrium. The equilibrium dissociation constant is expressed in M, and is defined as Koff/Kon=[Ab]×[Ag]/[Ab+Ag], where [Ab] is the molar concentration of the antibody, [Ag] is the molar concentration of the antigen, and [Ab+Ag] is the of molar concentration of the antibody-antigen complex, where all concentrations are of such components when the system is at equilibrium. The smaller the equilibrium dissociation constant, the more tightly bound the antibody is to its antigen, or the higher the binding affinity between antibody and antigen.

Thus, in an embodiment, the binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an association rate constant of, e.g., less than 1×10^5 M⁻¹ s⁻¹, less than 1×10^6 M^{-1} s⁻¹, less than 1×10^7 M^{-1} s⁻¹, or less than 1×10^8 M^{-1} s⁻¹. In another embodiment, the binding affinity of an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an association rate constant of, e.g., more than $1 \times 10^5 \,\mathrm{M}^{-1} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$, more than $1 \times 10^6 \,\mathrm{M}^{-1}$ s^{-1} , more than $1\times10^7 M^{-1} s^{-1}$, or more than $1\times10^8 M^{-1} s^{-1}$. In other aspects, the binding affinity of an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an association rate constant between $1\times10^{5}\,M^{-1}\,s^{-1}$ to $1\times10^{8}\,M^{-1}\,s^{-1},\,1\times10^{6}\,M^{-1}\,s^{-1}$ to $1\times10^{8}\,M^{-1}$ s^{-1} , $1 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to $1 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$, or $1 \times 10^6 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to $1 \times 10^7 \,\mathrm{M}^{-1} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$.

In another embodiment, the binding affinity of an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the

BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have a disassociation rate constant of less than 1×10^{-3} s⁻¹, less than 1×10^{-4} s⁻¹, or less than 1×10^{-5} s⁻¹. In other aspects of this embodiment, the binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the 5 P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have a disassociation rate constant of, e.g., less than 1.0×10^{-4} s⁻¹, less than $2.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, less than $3.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, less than $4.0 \times$ 10^{-4} s^{-1} , less than $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, less than $6.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, less than $7.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, less than $8.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, or less than $9.0 \times$ 10⁻⁴ s⁻¹. In another embodiment, the binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have a disassociation rate constant of, e.g., more than 1×10^{-3} s⁻¹, more than 1×10^{-4} s^{-1} , or more than 1×10^{-5} s⁻¹. In other aspects of this embodiment, the binding affinity of an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have a disassociation rate constant of, e.g., more 20 than 1.0×10^{-4} s⁻¹, more than 2.0×10^{-4} s⁻¹, more than 3.0×10^{-4} s⁻¹ $10^{-4} \, s^1$, more than $4.0 \times 10^{-4} \, s^{-1}$, more than $5.0 \times 10^{-4} \, s^{-1}$, more than $6.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, more than $7.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$, more than $8.0 \times$ 10^{-4} s^{-1} , or more than $9.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

In another embodiment, the binding affinity of an 25 α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an equilibrium disassociation constant of less than 0.500 nM. In aspects of this embodiment, the binding affinity of an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an equilibrium disassociation constant of, e.g., less than 0.500 nM, less than 0.450 nM, less than 0.400 nM, less than 0.350 nM, less than 0.300 nM, less than 35 0.250 nM, less than 0.200 nM, less than 0.150 nM, less than 0.100 nM, or less than 0.050 nM. In another embodiment, the binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have 40 an equilibrium disassociation constant of more than 0.500 nM. In aspects of this embodiment, the binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an equilibrium 45 disassociation constant of, e.g., more than 0.500 nM, more than 0.450 nM, more than 0.400 nM, more than 0.350 nM, more than 0.300 nM, more than 0.250 nM, more than 0.200 nM, more than 0.150 nM, more than 0.100 nM, or more than 0.050 nM.

In yet another embodiment, the binding affinity of an $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can have an association rate constant of for the intact SNAP-25 of, e.g., less than $1\times10^0~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, less than $1\times10^1~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, less than $1\times10^2~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, less than $1\times10^3~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, or less than $1\times10^4~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$. In another embodiment, the binding affinity of an $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage of site scissile bond can have an association rate constant of for the intact SNAP-25 of, e.g., at most $1\times10^0~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, at most $1\times10^1~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, at most $1\times10^3~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$, or at most $1\times10^4~\text{M}^{-1}~\text{s}^{-1}$.

Binding specificity is the ability of an antibody to discriminate between a molecule containing its epitope and a molecule that does not contain that epitope. One way to measure 22

binding specificity is to compare the Kon association rate of the antibody for a molecule containing its epitope relative to the Kon association rate of the antibody for a molecule that does not contain that epitope. For example, comparing the association rate constant (Ka) of an α-SNAP-25 antibody for a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25 epitope lacking a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond or a SNAP-25 epitope having an intact P₁-P₁' scissile bond of a BoNT/A cleavage site. In aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has an association rate constant (Ka) for a SNAP-25 not comprising its epitope(s) of, e.g., less than $1\times10^{0} \,\mathrm{M}^{-1} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$, less than $1\times10^{11} \,\mathrm{M}^{-1} \,\mathrm{s}^{-1}$, less than $1\times10^{2} \,\mathrm{M}^{-1}$ $s^{-1},$ less than $1{\times}10^3~M^{-1}~s^{-1}$ or less than $1{\times}10^4~M^{-1}~s^{-1}.$ In other aspects of this embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has an association rate constant (Ka) for a SNAP-25 not comprising its epitope(s) of, e.g., at most 1×10^{0} M^{-1} s⁻¹, at most 1×10^1 M^{-1} s⁻¹, at most 1×10^2 M^{-1} s⁻¹, at most $1 \times 10^3 \text{M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ or at most $1 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

In yet aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has an association rate constant (Ka) for its epitope relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope of, e.g., at least 2-fold more, at least 3-fold more, at least 4-fold more, at least 5-fold more, at least 6-fold more, at least 7-fold more, at least 8-fold more, or at least 9-fold more. In further aspects of this embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has an association rate constant (Ka) for its epitope relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope of, e.g., at least 10-fold more, at least 100-fold more, at least 1.000-fold more or at least 10.000-fold more. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has an association rate constant (Ka) for its epitope relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope of, e.g., at most 1-fold more, at most 2-fold more, at most 3-fold more, at most 4-fold more, at most 5-fold more, at most 6-fold more, at most 7-fold more, at most 8-fold more, or at most 9-fold more. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has an association rate constant (Ka) for its epitope relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope of, e.g., at most 10-fold more, at most 100-fold more, at most 1.000-fold more or at most 10.000-fold more.

The binding specificity of an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxylterminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can also be characterized as a ratio that such an α -SNAP-25 antibody can discriminate its SNAP-25 epitope relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25 epitope lacking a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond of a BoNT/A cleavage site. In aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage

site scissile bond has a binding specificity ratio for its SNAP-25 epitope relative to a SNAP-25 not comprising that epitope of, e.g., at least 2:1, at least 3:1, at least 4:1, at least 5:1, at least 64:1, at least 7:1, at least 8:1, at least 9:1, at least 10:1, at least 15:1, at least 20:1, at least 25:1, at least 30:1, at least 35:1, or 5 at least 40:1. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has a binding specificity ratio for its SNAP-25 epitope relative to a SNAP-25 lacking a 10 carboxyl-terminus at the P_1^- residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond of, e.g., at least 2:1, at least 3:1, at least 4:1, at least 5:1, at least 6:1, at least 7:1, at least 8:1, at least 9:1, at least 10:1, at least 15:1, at least 20:1, at least 25:1, at least 30:1, at least 35:1, or at least 40:1. In still other aspects of this 15 embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond has a binding specificity ratio for its SNAP-25 epitope relative to a SNAP-25 having an intake P₁—P₁' scissile bond of a 20 BoNT/A cleavage site of, e.g., at least 2:1, at least 3:1, at least 4:1, at least 5:1, at least 64:1, at least 7:1, at least 8:1, at least 9:1, at least 10:1, at least 15:1, at least 20:1, at least 25:1, at least 30:1, at least 35:1, or at least 40:1.

Binding avidity, also known as functional affinity, refers to 25 the sum total of the functional binding strength between a multivalent antibody and its antigen. Antibody molecules can have more than one binding site (e.g., 2 for IgG, 10 for IgM), and many antigens contain more than one antigenic site. While binding avidity of an antibody depends on the binding 30 affinities of the individual antibody binding sites, binding avidity is greater than the binding affinity as all the antibodyantigen interactions must be broken simultaneously for the antibody to dissociate completely. It is envisioned that an $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 sepitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can selectively bind to any and all epitopes for that antibody.

Thus, in an embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody is an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 40 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. In aspects of this embodiment, an α-SNAP-25 antibody is an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus glutamine or an α-SNAP-25 antibody that 45 selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxylterminus lysine. In other aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody is an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus P₁ residue that corresponds to glutamine 197 of SEQ ID 50 NO: 5 or an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus P₁ residue that corresponds to lysine 204 of SEQ ID NO: 16. In still other aspects of this embodiment, an α -SNAP-25 antibody is an α-SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 55 epitope having a carboxyl-terminal amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 60

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity. The immuno-based methods disclosed in the present specification can be evaluated by several parameters including, e.g., accuracy, precision, limit of detection (LOD), limits of quantitation (LOQ), linear range, specificity, selectivity, linearity,

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ruggedness, and system suitability. The accuracy of a method is the measure of exactness of an analytical method, or the closeness of agreement between the measured value and the value that is accepted as a conventional true value or an accepted reference value. The precision of a method is the degree of agreement among individual test results, when the procedure is applied repeatedly to multiple samplings of a homogeneous sample. As such, precision evaluates 1) within assay variability; 2) within-day variability (repeatability); and 3) between-day variability (intermediate precision); and 4) between-lab variability (reproducibility). Coefficient of variation (CV %) is a quantitative measure of precision expressed relative to the observed or theoretical mean value.

An immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification must be able to detect, over background, the presence of an $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ antibody-antigen complex comprising a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. The limit of detection (LOD) of a method refers to the concentration of analyte which gives rise to a signal that is significantly different from the negative control or blank and represents the lowest concentration of analyte that can be distinguished from background.

Thus, in an embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification can detect the LOD of BoNT/A at an amount that is significantly different from a negative control or blank. In aspect of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 10 ng or less, 9 ng or less, 8 ng or less, 7 ng or less, 6 ng or less, 5 ng or less, 4 ng or less, 3 ng or less, 2 ng or less, 1 ng or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 900 pg or less, 800 pg or less, 700 pg or less, 600 pg or less, 500 pg or less, 400 pg or less, 300 pg or less, 200 pg or less, 100 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In further aspects of this embodiment, the immunobased method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 90 pg or less, 80 pg or less, 70 pg or less, 60 pg or less, 50 pg or less, 40 pg or less, 30 pg or less, 20 pg or less, 10 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 9 pg or less, 8 pg or less, 7 pg or less, 6 pg or less, 5 pg or less, 4 pg or less, 3 pg or less, 2 pg or less, 1 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 0.9 pg or less, 0.8 pg or less, 0.7 pg or less, 0.6 pg or less, 0.5 pg or less, 0.4 pg or less, 0.3 pg or less, 0.2 pg or less, 0.1 pg or less of a BoNT/A.

In another aspect of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 10 nM or less or less, 9 nM or less, 8 nM or less, 7 nM or less, 6 nM or less, 5 nM or less, 4 nM or less, 3 nM or less, 2 nM or less, or 1 nM or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 900 pM or less, 800 pM or less, 700 pM or less, 600 pM or less, 500 pM or less, 400 pM or less, 300 pM or less, 200 pM or less, or 100 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., $100\,\mathrm{pM}$ or less, $90\,\mathrm{pM}$ or less, $80\,\mathrm{pM}$ or less, 70 pM or less, 60 pM or less, 50 pM or less, 40 pM or less, 30 pM or less, 20 pM or less, or 10 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 10 pM or less of a BoNT/A, 9 pM or less, 8 pM or less, 7 pM or less, 6 pM or less, 5 pM or less, 4 pM or less, 3 pM or less, 2 pM or less, or 1 pM or less of a

BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 1000 fM or less, 900 fM or less, 800 fM or less, 700 fM or less, 600 fM or less, 500 fM or less, 400 fM or less, 300 fM or less, 200 fM or less, or 100 fM or less of a 5 BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 100 fM or less, 90 fM or less, 80 fM or less, 70 fM or less, 60 fM or less, 50 fM or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOD of, e.g., 10 fM or less, 9 fM or less, 8 fM or less, 7 fM or less, 6 fM or less, 5 fM or less, 4 fM or less, 3 fM or less, 2 fM or less, or 1 fM or less of a botulinum neurotoxin A.

The limits of quantitation (LOQ) are the lowest and the highest concentrations of analyte in a sample or specimen that can be measured with an acceptable level of accuracy and precision. The lower limit of quantitation refers to the lowest dose that a detection method can measure consistently from 20 the background. The upper limit of quantitation is the highest dose that a detection method can measure consistently before saturation of the signal occurs. The linear range of the method is the area between the lower and the upper limits of quantitation. The linear range is calculated by subtracting lower 25 limit of quantitation from the upper limit of quantitation. As used herein, the term "signal to noise ratio for the lower asymptote" refers to the signal detected in the method at the lower limit of detection divided by the background signal. As used herein, the term "signal to noise ratio for the upper 30 asymptote" refers to the signal detected in the method at the upper limit of detection divided by the background signal.

Thus, in an embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification can detect the LOQ of BoNT/A at an amount that is significantly different from a 35 negative control or blank. In aspect of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 10 ng or less, 9 ng or less, 8 ng or less, 7 ng or less, 6 ng or less, 5 ng or less, 4 ng or less, 3 ng or less, 2 ng or less, 1 ng or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects of 40 this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 900 pg or less, 800 pg or less, 700 pg or less, 600 pg or less, 500 pg or less, 400 pg or less, 300 pg or less, 200 pg or less, 100 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In further aspects of this embodiment, the immuno- 45 based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 90 pg or less, 80 pg or less, 70 pg or less, 60 pg or less, 50 pg or less, 40 pg or less, 30 pg or less, 20 pg or less, 10 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present 50 specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 9 pg or less, 8 pg or less, 7 pg or less, 6 pg or less, 5 pg or less, 4 pg or less, 3 pg or less, 2 pg or less, 1 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 0.9 pg or less, 0.8 pg 55 or less, 0.7 pg or less, 0.6 pg or less, 0.5 pg or less, 0.4 pg or less, 0.3 pg or less, 0.2 pg or less, 0.1 pg or less of a BoNT/A.

In another aspect of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 10 nM or less, 9 nM or less, 8 nM or less, 7 nM or less, 60 nM or less, 5 nM or less, 4 nM or less, 3 nM or less, 2 nM or less, or 1 nM or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 900 pM or less, 800 pM or less, 700 pM or less, 600 pM or less, 500 pM or less, 65 400 pM or less, 300 pM or less, 200 pM or less, or 100 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the

immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 100 pM or less, 90 pM or less, 80 pM or less, 70 pM or less, 60 pM or less, 50 pM or less, 40 pM or less, 30 pM or less, 20 pM or less, or 10 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 10 pM or less of a BoNT/A, 9 pM or less, 8 pM or less, 7 pM or less, 6 pM or less, 5 pM or less, 4 pM or less, 3 pM or less, 2 pM or less, or 1 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 1000 fM or less, 900 fM or less, 800 fM or less, 700 fM or less, 600 fM or less, 500 fM or less, 400 fM or less, 300 fM or less, 200 fM or less, or 100 fM or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 100 fM or less, 90 fM or less, 80 fM or less, 70 fM or less, 60 fM or less, 50 fM or less, 40 fM or less, 30 fM or less, 20 fM or less, or 10 fM or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects of this embodiment, the immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has an LOQ of, e.g., 10 fM or less, 9 fM or less, 8 fM or less, 7 fM or less, 6 fM or less, 5 fM or less, 4 fM or less, 3 fM or less, 2 fM or less, or 1 fM or less of a BoNT/A.

An immuno-based assay useful to practice aspect of the disclosed methods must have a precision of no more than 50%. In aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based assay has a precision of no more than 50%, no more than 40%, no more than 30%, or no more than 20%. In other aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based assay has a precision of not more than 15%, no more than 10%, or no more than 5%. In other aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based assay has a precision of not more than 4%, no more than 3%, no more than 2%, or no more than 1%.

An immuno-based assay useful to practice aspect of the disclosed methods must have an accuracy of at least 50%. In aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based assay has an accuracy of at least 50%, at least 60%, at least 70%, or at least 80%. In other aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based assay has an accuracy of at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95%. In other aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based assay has an accuracy of at least 96%, at least 97%, at least 98%, or at least 99%.

An immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification must have a signal to noise ratio for the lower asymptote that is statistically significant and a signal to noise ratio for the upper asymptote that is statistically significant. In aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification has a signal to noise ratio for the lower asymptote of, e.g., at least 3:1, at least 4:1, at least 5:1, at least 6:1, at least 7:1, at least 8:1, at least 9:1, at least 10:1, at least 15:1 or at least 20:1. In other aspects of this embodiment, an immuno-based method has a signal to noise ratio for the upper asymptote of, e.g., at least 10:1, at least 15:1, at least 20:1, at least 25:1, at least 30:1, at least 35:1, at least 40:1, at least 45:1, at least 50:1, at least 60:1, at least 70:1, at least 80:1, at least 90:1, or at least 100:1, at least 150:1, at least 200:1, at least 250:1, at least 300:1, at least 350:1, at least 400:1, at least 450:1, at least 500:1, at least 550:1, or at least 600:1.

The specificity of a method defines the ability of the method to measure the analyte of interest to the exclusion of other relevant components, such as, e.g., partially-active or inactive analyte. The selectivity of a method describes the ability of an analytical method to differentiate various substances in a sample. The linearity of a method is its ability to elicit results that are directly, or by a well defined mathemati-

cal transformation, proportional to the concentration of analyte in the sample. Thus in an embodiment, an immuno-based method disclosed in the present specification can distinguish a fully-active BoNT/A from a partially-active BoNT/A having, e.g., 70% or less, 60% or less, 50% or less, 40% or less, 50% or less, 40% or less, 50% or less the activity of a fully-active BoNT/A.

The ruggedness of the method is the reproducibility of the test results obtained for identical samples under normal (but variable) test conditions. Robustness of a procedure is a measure of its capacity to remain unaffected by small but deliberate variations in the method parameters and provides an indication of its reliability in normal usage. Thus, whereas ruggedness evaluates unavoidable changes, robustness evaluates deliberate changes. Typical parameters evaluated by rug- 15 gedness and robustness include the effects of freeze/thaw, incubation times, incubation temperature, longevity of reagent, sample preparation, sample storage, cell passage number, lots of toxin, variability between purifications, and variability between nicking reactions. Robustness parameters 20 for cell-based assays include the cell bank (beginning, middle and end of freeze), cell passage level, cell seeding density, cell stock density (how many days in culture), cell age in flask (waiting time to seeding), incubation time, different plates, excessive amounts of serum, and source of reagents. The 25 system suitability of the method is the determination of assay performance, including the performance of reagents and instruments, over time by analysis of a reference standard. System suitability is stressed in FDA guidance referring to the fact that equipment, electronics, assay performance, and 30 samples to be analyzed, constitute an integrated system. System suitability can be evaluated by testing for parallelism, which is when plotting the log dose versus the response, serial dilutions of the reference and serial dilutions of the samples should give rise to parallel curves.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a cell from an established cell line. As used herein, the term "cell" refers to any eukaryotic cell susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by a BoNT/A or any eukaryotic cell that can uptake a BoNT/A. The term cell encompasses cells from a variety of 40 organisms, such as, e.g., murine, rat, porcine, bovine, equine, primate and human cells; from a variety of cell types such as, e.g., neuronal and non-neuronal; and can be isolated from or part of a heterogeneous cell population, tissue or organism. As used herein, the term "established cell line" is synony- 45 mous with "immortal cell line," or "transformed cell line" and refers to a cell culture of cells selected for indefinite propagation from a cell population derived from an organism, tissue, or organ source. By definition, an established cell line excludes a cell culture of primary cells. As used herein, the 50 term "primary cells" are cells harvested directly from fresh tissues or organs and do not have the potential to propagate indefinitely. An established cell line can comprise a heterogeneous population of cells or a uniform population of cells. An established cell line derived from a single cell is referred 55 to as a clonal cell line. An established cell line can be one whose cells endogenously express all component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate and encompasses the binding of a BoNT/A to a 60 BoNT/A receptor, the internalization of the neurotoxin/receptor complex, the translocation of the BoNT/A light chain from an intracellular vesicle into the cytoplasm and the proteolytic cleavage of a SNAP-25. Alternatively, an established cell line can be one whose cells have had introduced from an 65 exogenous source at least one component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a

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BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate and encompasses the binding of a BoNT/A to a BoNT/A receptor, the internalization of the neurotoxin/receptor complex, the translocation of the BoNT/A light chain from an intracellular vesicle into the cytoplasm and the proteolytic cleavage of a SNAP-25. Also refered to as a genetically-engineered cell line, cells from such an established cell line may, e.g., express an exogenous FGFR2, an exogenous FGFR3, an exogenous SV2, an exogenous SNAP-25, or any combination thereof.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a cell from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication. As used herein, the terms "cell(s) susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication," "cell(s) susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by a BoNT/A," or "cell(s) from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by a BoNT/A" refer to cell(s) that can undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate and encompasses the binding of a BoNT/A to a BoNT/A receptor, the internalization of the neurotoxin/receptor complex, the translocation of the BoNT/A light chain from an intracellular vesicle into the cytoplasm and the proteolytic cleavage of a SNAP-25. By definition, cell(s) susceptible to of BoNT/A intoxication must express, or be engineered to express, at least one BoNT/A receptor and at least one SNAP-25 substrate. As used herein, the terms "cell(s) that can uptake BoNT/A" or "cell(s) comprising an established cell line that can uptake BoNT/A" refer to cells that can undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate and encompasses the binding of a BoNT/A to a BoNT/A receptor, the internalization of the neurotoxin/receptor complex, the translocation of the BoNT/A light chain from an intracellular vesicle into the cytoplasm and the proteolytic cleavage of a SNAP-25. By definition, cell(s) that can uptake BoNT/A 35 must express, or be engineered to express, at least one BoNT/A receptor and at least one SNAP-25 substrate.

Thus in an embodiment, cells from an established cell line are susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication. In aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by, e.g., about 500 pM or less, about 400 pM or less, about 300 pM or less, about 200 pM or less, or about 100 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by, e.g., about 90 pM or less, about 80 pM or less, about 70 pM or less, about 60 pM or less, about 50 pM or less, about 40 pM or less, about 30 pM or less, about 20 pM or less A, or about 10 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects, cells from an established cell line are susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by, e.g., about 9 pM or less, about 8 pM or less, about 7 pM or less, about 6 pM or less, about 5 pM or less, about 4 pM or less, about 3 pM or less, about 2 pM or less, or about 1 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In yet other aspects, cells from an established cell line are susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by, e.g., about 0.9 pM or less, about 0.8 pM or less, about 0.7 pM or less, about 0.6 pM or less, about 0.5 pM or less, about 0.4 pM or less, about 0.3 pM or less, about 0.2 pM, or about 0.1 pM or less of a BoNT/A. As used herein, the term "about" when qualifying a value of a stated item, number, percentage, or term refers to a range of plus or minus ten percent of the value of the stated item, percentage, parameter, or term.

In another embodiment, cells comprising an established cell line can uptake a BoNT/A. In aspects of this embodiment, cells comprising an established cell line can uptake, e.g., about 500 pM or less, about 400 pM or less, about 300 pM or less, about 200 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells compris-

ing an established cell line possess the ability to uptake about 90 pM or less, about 80 pM or less, about 70 pM or less, about 60 pM or less, about 50 pM or less, about 40 pM or less, about 30 pM or less, about 20 pM or less, or about 10 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In still other aspects, cells comprising an established cell line possess the ability to uptake about 9 pM or less, about 8 pM or less, about 7 pM or less, about 6 pM or less, about 5 pM or less, about 4 pM or less, about 3 pM or less, about 2 pM or less, or about 1 pM or less of a BoNT/A. In yet other aspects, cells comprising an established cell line 10 possess the ability to uptake about 0.9 pM or less, about 0.8 pM or less, about 0.7 pM or less, about 0.6 pM or less, about 0.5 pM or less, about 0.4 pM or less, about 0.3 pM or less, about 0.2 pM or less, or about 0.1 pM or less of a BoNT/A.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a 15 BoNT/A. As used herein, the term "BoNT/A" is synonymous with "botulinum neurotoxin serotype A" or "botulinum neurotoxin type A" and refers to both a naturally-occurring BoNT/A or a non-naturally occurring BoNT/As thereof, and includes BoNT/A complex comprising the about 150 kDa 20 BoNT/A neurotoxin and associated non-toxin associated proteins (NAPs), as well as the about 150 kDa BoNT/A neurotoxin alone. Non-limiting examples of BoNT/A complexes include, e.g., the 900-kDa BoNT/A complex, the 500-kDa BoNT/A complex, the 500-kDa BoNT/A complex. Non-limiting examples of the about 150 kDa BoNT/A neurotoxin include, e.g., SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4.

As used herein, the term "naturally occurring BoNT/A" refers to any BoNT/A produced by a naturally-occurring 30 process, including, without limitation, BoNT/A isoforms produced from a post-translational modification, an alternatively-spliced transcript, or a spontaneous mutation, and BoNT/A subtypes, such as, e.g., a BoNT/A1 subtype, BoNT/ A2 subtype, BoNT/A3 subtype, BoNT/A4 subtype, and 35 BoNT/A5 subtype. A naturally occurring BoNT/A includes, without limitation, SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, or one that substitutes, deletes or adds, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or 40 more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 amino acids from SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4. Commercially available pharmaceutical compositions of a naturally-occurring BoNT/A includes, without limitation, BOTOX® (Allergan, Inc., Irvine, Calif.), DYS- 45 PORTTM/RELOXIN®, (Ipsen Ltd., Slough, England), PUR-TOX® (Mentor Corp., Santa Barbara, Calif.), XEOMIN® (Merz Pharmaceuticals, GmbH., Frankfurt, Germany), NEU-RONOX® (Medy-Tox, Inc., Ochang-myeon, South Korea), BTX-A.

As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring BoNT/ A" refers to any BoNT/A whose structure was modified with the aid of human manipulation, including, without limitation, a BoNT/A with an altered amino acid sequence produced by genetic engineering using random mutagenesis or rational 55 design and a BoNT/A produced by in vitro chemical synthesis. Non-limiting examples of non-naturally occurring BoNT/As are described in, e.g., Steward, L. E. et al., Posttranslational Modifications and Clostridial Neurotoxins, U.S. Pat. No. 7,223,577; Dolly, J. O. et al., Activatable Clostridial 60 Toxins, U.S. Pat. No. 7,419,676; Steward, L. E. et al., Clostridial Neurotoxin Compositions and Modified Clostridial Neurotoxins, US 2004/0220386; Steward, L. E. et al., Modified Clostridial Toxins With Enhanced Targeting Capabilities For Endogenous Clostridial Toxin Receptor Sys- 65 tems, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0096248; Steward, L. E. et al., Modified Clostridial Toxins With Altered Targeting

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Capabilities For Clostridial Toxin Target Cells, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0161543; Steward, L. E. et al., Modified Clostridial Toxins With Enhanced Translocation Capabilities and Altered Targeting Activity For Clostridial Toxin Target Cells, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2008/0241881, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Thus in an embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a naturally occurring BoNT/A. In aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a BoNT/A isoform or a BoNT/A subtype. In aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from the BoNT/A of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a BoNT/A having, e.g., at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from BOTOX®, DYSPORT™/RELOXIN®, PURTOX®, XEOMIN®, NEURONOX®, or BTX-A.

In another embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A variant having, e.g., at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQIDNO: 1, SEQIDNO: 2, SEQIDNO: 3, or SEQIDNO: 4. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A variant having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more non-contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A activity being detected is from a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A variant having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQIDNO: 1, SEQIDNO: 2, SEQIDNO: 3, or SEQIDNO:

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a SNAP-25. As used herein, the term "SNAP-25" refers to a naturally-occurring SNAP-25 or a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 which is preferentially cleaved by a BoNT/A. As used herein, the term "preferentially cleaved" refers to that the cleavage rate of BoNT/A substrate by a BoNT/A is at least one order of magnitude higher than the cleavage rate of any other substrate by BoNT/A. In aspects of this embodiment, the cleavage rate of BoNT/A substrate by a BoNT/A is at least two orders of magnitude higher, at least three orders of magnitude higher, at least five orders of magnitude higher then that the cleavage rate of any other substrate by BoNT/A.

As used herein, the term "naturally occurring SNAP-25" refers to any SNAP-25 produced by a naturally-occurring process, including, without limitation, SNAP-25 isoforms produced from a post-translational modification, an alternatively-spliced transcript, or a spontaneous mutation, and SNAP-25 subtypes. A naturally occurring SNAP-25 includes, without limitation, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID

NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or one that substitutes, deletes or adds, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more amino acids from SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24.

As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring SNAP-25" refers to any SNAP-25 whose structure was modified with the aid of human manipulation, including, without limi- 15 tation, a SNAP-25 produced by genetic engineering using random mutagenesis or rational design and a SNAP-25 produced by in vitro chemical synthesis. Non-limiting examples of non-naturally occurring SNAP-25s are described in, e.g., Steward, L. E. et al., FRET Protease Assays for Clostridial 20 Toxins, U.S. Pat. No. 7,332,567; Fernandez-Salas et al., Lipophilic Dye-based FRET Assays for Clostridia! Toxin Activity, U.S. Patent Publication 2008/0160561, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. A non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 may substitute, delete or add, e.g., 1 25 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more amino acids from SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ 30 ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24.

Thus in an embodiment, a SNAP-25 is a naturally occur- 35 ring SNAP-25. In aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 is a SNAP-25 isoform or a SNAP-25 subtype. In aspects of this embodiment, the naturally occurring SNAP-25 is the naturally occurring SNAP-25 of SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 40 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24. In other aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 is a natu- 45 rally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., at least 70% amino acid identity, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID 50 NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24.

In another embodiment, a SNAP-25 is a non-naturally 55 occurring SNAP-25. In other aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 is a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 4. In other 60 aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 is a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more non-contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ

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ID NO: 10, SEO ID NO: 11, SEO ID NO: 12, SEO ID NO: 13. SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the SNAP-25 is a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24.

A SNAP-25 can be an endogenous SNAP-25 or an exogenous SNAP-25. As used herein, the term "endogenous SNAP-25" refers to a SNAP-25 naturally present in the cell because it is naturally encoded within the cell's genome, such that the cell inherently expresses the SNAP-25 without the need an external source of SNAP-25 or an external source of genetic material encoding a SNAP-25. The expression of an endogenous SNAP-25 may be with or without environmental stimulation such as, e.g., cell differentiation. By definition, an endogenous SNAP-25 can only be a naturally-occurring SNAP-25 or variants thereof. For example, the following established cell lines express an endogenous SNAP-25: BE(2)-M17, Kelly, LAI-55n, N1E-115, N4TG3, N18, Neuro-2a, NG108-15, PC12, SH-SY5Y, SiMa, and SK-N-BE (2)-C.

As used herein, the term "exogenous SNAP-25" refers to a SNAP-25 expressed in a cell through the introduction of an external source of SNAP-25 or an external source of genetic material encoding a SNAP-25 by human manipulation. The expression of an exogenous SNAP-25 may be with or without environmental stimulation such as, e.g., cell differentiation. As a non-limiting example, cells from an established cell line can express an exogenous SNAP-25 by transient or stably transfection of a SNAP-25. As another non-limiting example, cells from an established cell line can express an exogenous SNAP-25 by protein transfection of a SNAP-25. An exogenous SNAP-25 can be a naturally-occurring SNAP-25 or variants thereof, or a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 or variants thereof.

Thus in an embodiment, cells from an established cell line express an endogenous SNAP-25. In aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous SNAP-25 expressed by cells from an established cell line is a naturally-occurring SNAP-25. In other aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous SNAP-25 expressed by cells from an established cell line is SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24. In yet aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous SNAP-25 expressed by cells from an established cell line is a naturally occurring SNAP-25, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25 isoform or a SNAP-25 subtype. In other aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous SNAP-25 expressed by cells from an established cell line is a naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., at least 70% amino acid identity, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13,

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In another embodiment, cells from an established cell line 5 are transiently or stably engineered to express an exogenous SNAP-25. In an aspect of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally-occurring SNAP-25. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express the naturally-occurring SNAP-25 of SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID 15 NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally occurring SNAP-25, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25 iso- 20 form or a SNAP-25 subtype. In still other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., at least 70% amino acid identity, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino 25 acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, 30 SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24.

In another aspect of the embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25. In other aspects of this or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 40 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are 45 transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more non-contiguous amino acid substi- 50 tutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ IDNO: 6, SEQ IDNO: 7, SEQ IDNO: 8, SEQ IDNO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, 55 SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring SNAP-25 having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 60 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID 65 NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID

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NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 21, SEQ ID NO: 22, SEQ ID NO: 23, or SEQ ID NO: 24.

Assays that detect the cleavage of a BoNT/A substrate after exposure to a BoNT/A can be used to assess whether a cell is expressing an endogenous or exogenous SNAP-25. In these assays, generation of a SNAP-25 cleavage-product would be detected in cells expressing a SNAP-25 after BoNT/A treatment. Non-limiting examples of specific Western blot analysis, as well as well-characterized reagents, conditions and protocols are readily available from commercial vendors that include, without limitation, Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, N.J.; Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.; Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.; Promega Corporation, Madison, Wis., and Stratagene, Inc., La Jolla, Calif. It is understood that these and similar assays for SNAP-25 cleavage can be useful in identifying cells expressing an endogenous or an exogenous SNAP-25.

As non-limiting examples, Western blot analysis using an antibody that recognizes BoNT/A SNAP-25-cleaved product or both the cleaved and uncleaved forms of SNAP-25 can be used to assay for uptake of BoNT/A. Examples of α -SNAP-25 antibodies useful for these assays include, without limitation, a-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody SMI-81 (Sternberger Monoclonals Inc., Lutherville, Md.), mouse α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody CI 71.1 (Synaptic Systems, Goettingen, Germany), α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody CI 71.2 (Synaptic Systems, Goettingen, Germany), α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody SP12 (Abcam, Cambridge, Mass.), α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum (Synaptic Systems, Goettingen, Germany), α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum (Abcam, Cambridge, Mass.), and α -SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum S9684 (Sigma, St Louis, Mo.).

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently 35 BoNT/A receptor. As used herein, the term "BoNT/A receptor" refers to either a naturally-occurring BoNT/A receptor or a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor which preferentially interacts with BoNT/A in a manner that elicits a BoNT/A intoxication response. As used herein, the term "preferentially interacts" refers to that the equilibrium dissociation constant (KD) of BoNT/A for a BoNT/A receptor is at least one order of magnitude less than that of BoNT/A for any other receptor at the cell surface. The equilibrium dissociation constant, a specific type of equilibrium constant that measures the propensity of an BoNT/A-BoNT/A receptor complex to separate (dissociate) reversibly into its component molecules, namely the BoNT/A and the BoNT/A receptor, is defined as KD=Ka/Kd at equilibrium. The association constant (Ka) is defined as Ka=[C]/[L][R] and the disassociation constant (Kd) is defined as Kd=[L][R]/[C], where [L] equals the molar concentration of BoNT/A, [R] is the molar concentration of a BoNT/A receptor, and [C] is the molar concentration of the BoNT/A-BoNT/A receptor complex, and where all concentrations are of such components when the system is at equilibrium. The smaller the dissociation constant, the more tightly bound the BoNT/A is to its receptor, or the higher the binding affinity between BoNT/A and BoNT/A receptor. In aspects of this embodiment, the disassociation constant of BoNT/A for a BoNT/A receptor is at least two orders of magnitude less, at least three orders of magnitude less, at least four orders of magnitude less, or at least five orders of magnitude less than that of BoNT/A for any other receptor. In other aspects of this embodiment, the binding affinity of a BoNT/A that preferentially interacts with a BoNT/A receptor can have an equilibrium disassociation constant (KD) of, e.g., of 500 nM or less, 400 nM or less, 300 nM or less, 200 nM, or less 100 nM or less. In other aspects of

this embodiment, the binding affinity of a BoNT/A that preferentially interacts with a BoNT/A receptor can have an equilibrium disassociation constant (KD) of, e.g., of 90 nM or less, 80 nM or less, 70 nM or less, 60 nM, 50 nM or less, 40 nM or less, 30 nM or less, 20 nM, or less 10 nM or less. As used herein, the term "elicits a BoNT/A intoxication response" refers to the ability of a BoNT/A receptor to interact with a BoNT/A to form a neurotoxin/receptor complex and the subsequent internalization of that complex into the cell cytoplasm.

As used herein, the term "naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor" refers to any BoNT/A receptor produced by a naturally-occurring process, including, without limitation, BoNT/A receptor isoforms produced from a post-translational modification, an alternatively-spliced transcript, or a 15 spontaneous mutation, and BoNT/A receptor subtypes. A naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor includes, without limitation, a fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR2), a fibroblast growth factor receptor 3 (FGFR3), a synaptic vesicle glycoprotein 2 (SV2), and a complex ganglioside like GT1b, 20 such as those described in Ester Fernandez-Salas, et al., Botulinum Toxin Screening Assays, U.S. Patent Publication 2008/ 0003240; Ester Fernandez-Salas, et al., Botulinum Toxin Screening Assays, U.S. Patent Publication 2008/0182799; Min Dong et al., SV2 is the Protein Receptor for Botulinum 25 Neurotoxin A, Science (2006); S. Mahrhold et al, The Synaptic Vesicle Protein 2C Mediates the Uptake of Botulinum Neurotoxin A into Phrenic Nerves, 580(8) FEBS Lett. 2011-2014 (2006), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. A naturally occurring FGFR2 includes, 30 without limitation, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, and SEQ ID NO: 70, or one that substitutes, deletes or adds, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or 35 more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more amino acids from SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, 40 SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, and SEQ ID NO: 70. A naturally occurring FGFR3 includes, without limitation, SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, and SEQ ID NO: 27, or one that substitutes, deletes or adds, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 45 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more amino acids from SEO ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, and SEQ ID NO: 27. A naturally occurring SV2 includes, without limitation, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, and SEQ ID NO: 31, or one 50 that substitutes, deletes or adds, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more amino acids from SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, and SEQ ID NO: 31.

As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor variant" refers to any BoNT/A receptor produced with the aid of human manipulation or design, including, without limitation, a BoNT/A receptor produced by genetic engineering using random mutagenesis or rational design and 60 a BoNT/A receptor produced by chemical synthesis. Non-limiting examples of non-naturally occurring BoNT/A variants include, e.g., conservative BoNT/A receptor variants, non-conservative BoNT/A receptor variants, BoNT/A receptor chimeric variants and active BoNT/A receptor fragments. 65

As used herein, the term "non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor" refers to any BoNT/A receptor whose structure was

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modified with the aid of human manipulation, including, without limitation, a BoNT/A receptor produced by genetic engineering using random mutagenesis or rational design and a BoNT/A receptor produced by in vitro chemical synthesis. Non-limiting examples of non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptors are described in, e.g., Ester Fernandez-Salas, et al., Botulinum Toxin Screening Assays, U.S. Patent Publication 2008/0003240; Ester Fernandez-Salas, et al., Botulinum Toxin Screening Assays, U.S. Patent Publication 2008/ 0182799, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. A non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor may substitute, delete or add, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more amino acids from SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID

Thus in an embodiment, a BoNT/A receptor is a naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor such as, e.g., FGFR2, FGFR3 or SV2. In aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A receptor is a BoNT/A receptor isoform or a BoNT/A receptor subtype. In aspects of this embodiment, the naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor is the naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor of SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A receptor is a naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., at least 70% amino acid identity, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70.

In another embodiment, a BoNT/A receptor is a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor, such as, e.g., a geneticallyengineered FGFR2, a genetically-engineered FGFR3, or a genetically-engineered SV2. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A receptor is a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID 55 NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In other aspects of this embodiment, the BoNT/A receptor is a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more non-contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, the

BoNT/A receptor is a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, 10 SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70.

A BoNT/A receptor can be an endogenous BoNT/A receptor or an exogenous BoNT/A receptor. As used herein, the term "endogenous BoNT/A receptor" refers to a BoNT/A receptor naturally present in the cell because it is naturally 15 encoded within the cell's genome, such that the cell inherently expresses the BoNT/A receptor without the need an external source of BoNT/A receptor or an external source of genetic material encoding a BoNT/A receptor. Expression of an endogenous BoNT/A receptor may be with or without 20 environmental stimulation such as e.g., cell differentiation or promoter activation. For example, the following established cell lines express at least one endogenous BoNT/A receptor: BE(2)-M17, Kelly, LA1-55n, N1E-115, N4TG3, N18, Neuro-2a, NG108-15, PC12, SH-SY5Y, SiMa, and SK-N-BE 25 (2)-C. An endogenous BoNT/A receptor can only be a naturally-occurring BoNT/A receptor or naturally-occurring variants thereof.

As used herein, the term "exogenous BoNT/A receptor" refers to a BoNT/A receptor expressed in a cell through the 30 introduction of an external source of BoNT/A receptor or an external source of genetic material encoding a BoNT/A receptor by human manipulation. The expression of an exogenous BoNT/A receptor may be with or without environmental stimulation such as, e.g., cell differentiation or promoter 35 activation. As a non-limiting example, cells from an established cell line can express one or more exogenous BoNT/A receptors by transient or stably transfection of a polynucleotide molecule encoding a BoNT/A receptor, such as, e.g., a FGFR2, a FGFR3, or a SV2. As another non-limiting 40 example, cells from an established cell line can express one or more exogenous BoNT/A receptors by protein transfection of the BoNT/A receptors, such as, e.g., a FGFR2, a FGFR3, or a SV2. An exogenous BoNT/A receptor can be a naturallyoccurring BoNT/A receptor or naturally occurring variants 45 thereof, or non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor or nonnaturally occurring variants thereof.

Thus in an embodiment, cells from an established cell line express an endogenous BoNT/A receptor. In aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous BoNT/A receptor expressed by 50 cells from an established cell line is a naturally-occurring BoNT/A receptor. In other aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous BoNT/A receptor expressed by cells from an established cell line is SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, 55 SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In yet aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous BoNT/A receptor 60 expressed by cells from an established cell line is a naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor, such as, e.g., a BoNT/A receptor isoform or a BoNT/A receptor subtype. In other aspects of this embodiment, the endogenous BoNT/A receptor expressed by cells from an established cell line is a naturally 65 occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., at least 70% amino acid identity, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least

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90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70

In another embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express an exogenous BoNT/A receptor. In an aspect of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally-occurring BoNT/A receptor. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express the naturallyoccurring BoNT/A receptor of SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor, such as, e.g., a BoNT/A receptor isoform or a BoNT/A receptor subtype. In still other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., at least 70% amino acid identity, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70.

In another aspect of the embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., at least 70%, at least 75%, at least 80%, at least 85%, at least 90%, or at least 95% amino acid identity with SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEO ID NO: 65, SEO ID NO: 66, SEO ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more non-contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or additions relative to SEQ ID NO: 25, SEQ ID NO: 26, SEQ ID NO: 27, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 30, SEQ ID NO: 31, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60, SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, or SEQ ID NO: 70. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally occurring BoNT/A receptor having, e.g., 1 or more, 2 or more, 3 or more, 4 or more, 5 or more, 6 or more, 7 or more, 8 or more, 9 or more, 10 or more, 20 or more, 30 or more, 40 or more, 50 or more, or 100 or more contiguous amino acid substitutions, deletions, or addi-

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In another embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express an exogenous FGFR2, an exogenous FGFR3, an exogenous SV2, or any combination thereof. In aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a naturally-occurring FGFR2, a naturallyoccurring FGFR3, a naturally-occurring SV2, or any combination thereof. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently or stably engineered to express a non-naturally-occurring FGFR2, a nonnaturally-occurring FGFR3, a non-naturally-occurring SV2, or any combination thereof. In still other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line are transiently 20 or stably engineered to express either a naturally-occurring FGFR2 or a non-naturally-occurring FGFR2, a naturallyoccurring FGFR3 or a non-naturally-occurring FGFR3, a naturally-occurring SV2 or a non-naturally-occurring SV2, or any combination thereof.

Cells that express one or more endogenous or exogenous BoNT/A receptors can be identified by routine methods including direct and indirect assays for toxin uptake. Assays that determine BoNT/A binding or uptake properties can be used to assess whether a cell is expressing a BoNT/A recep- 30 tor. Such assays include, without limitation, cross-linking assays using labeled BoNT/A, such as, e.g., [1251] BoNT/A, [125I], see, e.g., Noriko Yokosawa et al., Binding of Clostridium botulinum type C neurotoxin to different neuroblastoma cell lines, 57(1) Infect. Immun. 272-277 (1989); 35 Noriko Yokosawa et al., Binding of botulinum type CI, D and E neurotoxins to neuronal cell lines and synaptosomes, 29(2) Toxicon 261-264 (1991); and Tei-ichi Nishiki et al., Identification of protein receptor for Clostridium botulinum type B 10498-10503 (1994). Other non-limiting assays include immunocytochemical assays that detect BoNT/A binding using labeled or unlabeled antibodies, see, e.g., Atsushi Nishikawa et al., The receptor and transporter for internalization of Clostridium botulinum type C progenitor toxin into HT-29 45 cells, 319(2) Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun. 327-333 (2004) and immunoprecipitation assays, see, e.g., Yukako Fujinaga et al., Molecular characterization of binding subcomponents of Clostridium botulinum type C progenitor toxin for intestinal epithelial cells and erythrocytes, 150(Pt 5) 50 Microbiology 1529-1538 (2004), that detect bound toxin using labeled or unlabeled antibodies. Antibodies useful for these assays include, without limitation, antibodies selected against BoNT/A, antibodies selected against a BoNT/A receptor, such as, e.g., FGFR2, FGFR3, or SV2, and/or anti-55 bodies selected against a ganglioside, such as, e.g., GD1a, GD1b, GD3, GQ1b, or GT1b. If the antibody is labeled, the binding of the molecule can be detected by various means, including Western blot analysis, direct microscopic observation of the cellular location of the antibody, measurement of 60 cell or substrate-bound antibody following a wash step, flow cytometry, electrophoresis or capillary electrophoresis, employing techniques well-known to those of skill in the art. If the antibody is unlabeled, one may employ a labeled secondary antibody for indirect detection of the bound molecule, 65 and detection can proceed as for a labeled antibody. It is understood that these and similar assays that determine

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BoNT/A uptake properties or characteristics can be useful in identifying cells expressing endogenous or exogenous or BoNT/A receptors.

Assays that monitor the release of a molecule after exposure to BoNT/A can also be used to assess whether a cell is expressing one or more endogenous or exogenous BoNT/A receptors. In these assays, inhibition of the molecule's release would occur in cells expressing a BoNT/A receptor after BoNT/A treatment. Well known assays include methods that measure inhibition of radio-labeled catecholamine release from neurons, such as, e.g., [3H] noradrenaline or [3H] dopamine release, see e.g., A Fassio et al., Evidence for calcium-dependent vesicular transmitter release insensitive to tetanus toxin and botulinum toxin type F, 90(3) Neuroscience 893-902 (1999); and Sara Stigliani et al., The sensitivity of catecholamine release to botulinum toxin C1 and E suggests selective targeting of vesicles set into the readily releasable pool, 85(2) J. Neurochem. 409-421 (2003), or measures catecholamine release using a fluorometric procedure, see, e.g., Anton de Paiva et al., A role for the interchain disulfide or its participating thiols in the internalization of botulinum neurotoxin A revealed by a toxin derivative that binds to ectoacceptors and inhibits transmitter release intracellularly, 268(28) J. Biol. Chem. 20838-20844 (1993); Gary W. Lawrence et al., Distinct exocytotic responses of intact and permeabilised chromaffin cells after cleavage of the 25-kDa synaptosomal-associated protein (SNAP-25) or synaptobrevin by botulinum toxin A or B, 236(3) Eur. J. Biochem. 877-886 (1996); and Patrick Foran et al., Botulinum neurotoxin C1 cleaves both syntaxin and SNAP-25 in intact and permeabilized chromaffin cells: correlation with its blockade of catecholamine release, 35(8) Biochemistry 2630-2636 (1996). Other non-limiting examples include assays that measure inhibition of hormone release from endocrine cells, such as, e.g., anterior pituitary cells or ovarian cells. It is understood that these and similar assays for molecule release can be useful in identifying cells expressing endogenous or exogenous or BoNT/A receptors.

Assays that detect the cleavage of a BoNT/A substrate after neurotoxin in rat brain synaptosomes, 269(14) J. Biol. Chem. 40 exposure to a BoNT/A can also be used to assess whether a cell is expressing one or more endogenous or exogenous BoNT/A receptors. In these assays, generation of a BoNT/A substrate cleavage-product, or disappearance of the intact BoNT/A substrate, would be detected in cells expressing a BoNT/A receptor after BoNT/A treatment. Non-limiting examples of specific Western blot analysis, as well as wellcharacterized reagents, conditions and protocols are readily available from commercial vendors that include, without limitation, Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, N.J.; Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.; Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.; Promega Corporation, Madison, Wis., and Stratagene, Inc., La Jolla, Calif. It is understood that these and similar assays for BoNT/A substrate cleavage can be useful in identifying cells expressing endogenous or exogenous BoNT/A receptors.

As non-limiting examples, Western blot analysis using an antibody that recognizes BoNT/A SNAP-25-cleaved product or both the cleaved and uncleaved forms of SNAP-25 can be used to assay for uptake of BoNT/A. Examples of α -SNAP-25 antibodies useful for these assays include, without limitation, SMI-81 \alpha-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody (Sternberger Monoclonals Inc., Lutherville, Md.), CI 71.1 mouse α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody (Synaptic Systems, Goettingen, Germany), CI 71.2 α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody (Synaptic Systems, Goettingen, Germany), SP12 α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody (Abcam, Cambridge, Mass.), α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum

(Synaptic Systems, Goettingen, Germany), α -SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum S9684 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), and α -SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum (Abcam, Cambridge, Mass.).

Aspects of the present disclosure provide cells that through 5 genetic manipulation or recombinant engineering are made to expresses an exogenous SNAP-25 and/or one or more exogenous BoNT/A receptors. Cells useful to express an exogenous SNAP-25 and/or one or more exogenous BoNT/A receptors through genetic manipulation or recombinant engi- 10 neering include neuronal cells and non-neuronal cells that may or may not express an endogenous SNAP-25 and/or one or more endogenous BoNT/A receptors. It is further understood that such genetically manipulated or recombinantly engineered cells may express an exogenous SNAP-25 and 15 one or more exogenous BoNT/A receptors under control of a constitutive, tissue-specific, cell-specific or inducible promoter element, enhancer element or both. It is understood that any cell is useful as long as the cell can be genetically manipulated or recombinantly engineered to expresses an exogenous 20 SNAP-25 and/or one or more exogenous BoNT/A receptors and is capable of undergoing BoNT/A intoxication.

Methods useful for introducing into a cell an exogenous polynucleotide molecule encoding a component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism 25 whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25, a FGFR2, a FGFR3, or a SV2, include, without limitation, chemical-mediated delivery methods, such as, e.g., calcium phosphate-mediated, diethyl-aminoethyl (DEAE) dextran-mediated, lipid-medi- 30 ated, polyethyleneimine (PEI)-mediated, polylysine-mediated and polybrene-mediated; physical-mediated delivery methods, such as, e.g., biolistic particle delivery, microinjection, protoplast fusion and electroporation; and viral-mediated delivery methods, such as, e.g., retroviral-mediated 35 transfection, see e.g., Introducing Cloned Genes into Cultured Mammalian Cells, pp. 16.1-16.62 (Sambrook & Russell, eds., Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Vol. 3, 3rd ed. 2001); Alessia Colosimo et al., Transfer and Expression of Foreign Genes in Mammalian Cells, 29(2) Biotech- 40 niques 314-318, 320-322, 324 (2000); Philip Washbourne & A. Kimberley McAllister, Techniques for Gene Transfer into Neurons, 12(5) Curr. Opin. Neurobiol. 566-573 (2002); and Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley and Sons, pp 9.16.4-9.16.11 (2000), each of which is incorporated 45 by reference in its entirety. One skilled in the art understands that selection of a specific method to introduce a polynucleotide molecule into a cell will depend, in part, on whether the cell will transiently or stably contain a component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism 50 whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate. Non-limiting examples of polynucleotide molecule encoding a component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate as follows: FGFR2 poly-55 nucleotide molecule of SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 131, SEQ ID NO: 132, SEQ ID NO: 133, SEQ ID NO: 134, SEQ ID NO: 135, SEQ ID NO: 136, SEQ ID NO: 137, or SEQ ID NO: 138; FGFR3 polynucleotide molecule of SEQ ID NO: 139, SEQ ID NO: 140, or SEQ ID NO: 141; SV2 polynucle- 60 otide molecule of SEQ ID NO: 142, SEQ ID NO: 143, or SEQ ID NO: 144; and SNAP-25 polynucleotide molecule of SEQ ID NO: 145, or SEQ ID NO: 146.

Chemical-mediated delivery methods are well-known to a person of ordinary skill in the art and are described in, e.g., 65 Martin Jordan & Florian Wurm, Transfection of Adherent and Suspended Cells by Calcium Phosphate, 33(2) Methods 136-

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143 (2004); Chun Zhang et al., Polyethylenimine Strategies for Plasmid Delivery to Brain-Derived Cells, 33(2) Methods 144-150 (2004), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Such chemical-mediated delivery methods can be prepared by standard procedures and are commercially available, see, e.g., CellPhect Transfection Kit (Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, N.J.); Mammalian Transfection Kit, Calcium phosphate and DEAE Dextran, (Stratagene, Inc., La Jolla, Calif.); LipofectaminenTM Transfection Reagent (Invitrogen, Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.); ExGen 500 Transfection kit (Fermentas, Inc., Hanover, Md.), and SuperFect and Effectene Transfection Kits (Qiagen, Inc., Valencia, Calif.).

Physical-mediated delivery methods are well-known to a person of ordinary skill in the art and are described in, e.g., Jeike E. Biewenga et al., *Plasmid-Mediated Gene Transfer in Neurons using the Biolistics Technique*, 71(1) J. Neurosci. Methods. 67-75 (1997); John O'Brien & Sarah C. R. Lummis, *Biolistic and Diolistic Transfection: Using the Gene Gun to Deliver DNA and Lipophilic Dyes into Mammalian Cells*, 33(2) Methods 121-125 (2004); M. Golzio et al., *In Vitro and In Vivo Electric Field-Mediated Permeabilization, Gene Transfer, and Expression*, 33(2) Methods 126-135 (2004); and Oliver Gresch et al., *New Non-Viral Method for Gene Transfer into Primary Cells*, 33(2) Methods 151-163 (2004), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Viral-mediated delivery methods are well-known to a person of ordinary skill in the art and are described in, e.g., Chooi M. Lai et al., Adenovirus and Adeno-Associated Virus Vectors, 21(12) DNA Cell Biol. 895-913 (2002); Ilya Frolov et al., Alphavirus-Based Expression Vectors: Strategies and Applications, 93(21) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 11371-11377 (1996); Roland Wolkowicz et al., Lentiviral Vectors for the Delivery of DNA into Mammalian Cells, 246 Methods Mol. Biol. 391-411 (2004); A. Huser & C. Hofmann, Baculovirus Vectors: Novel Mammalian Cell Gene-Delivery Vehicles and Their Applications, 3(1) Am. J. Pharmacogenomics 53-63 (2003); Tiziana Tonini et al., Transient Production of Retroviral- and Lentiviral-Based Vectors for the Transduction of Mammalian Cells, 285 Methods Mol. Biol. 141-148 (2004); Manfred Gossen & Hermann Bujard, Tight Control of Gene Expression in Eukaryotic Cells by Tetracycline-Responsive Promoters, U.S. Pat. No. 5,464,758; Hermann Bujard & Manfred Gossen, Methods for Regulating Gene Expression, U.S. Pat. No. 5,814,618; David S. Hogness, Polynucleotides Encoding Insect Steroid Hormone Receptor Polypeptides and Cells Transformed With Same, U.S. Pat, No. 5,514,578; David S. Hogness, Polynucleotide Encoding Insect Ecdysone Receptor, U.S. Pat. No. 6,245,531; Elisabetta Vegeto et al., Progesterone Receptor Having C. Terminal Hormone Binding Domain Truncations, U.S. Pat. No. 5,364,791; Elisabetta Vegeta et al., Mutated Steroid Hormone Receptors, Methods for Their Use and Molecular Switch for Gene Therapy, U.S. Pat. No. 5,874,534, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Such viralmediated delivery methods can be prepared by standard procedures and are commercially available, see, e.g., ViraPowerTM Adenoviral Expression System (Invitrogen, Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) and ViraPowerTM Adenoviral Expression System Instruction Manual 25-0543 version A, Invitrogen, Inc., (Jul. 15, 2002); and AdEasy™ Adenoviral Vector System (Stratagene, Inc., La Jolla, Calif.) and AdEasy™ Adenoviral Vector System Instruction Manual 064004f, Stratagene, Inc. Furthermore, such viral delivery systems can be prepared by standard methods and are commercially available, see, e.g., BDTM Tet-Off and Tet-On Gene Expression

Systems (BD Biosciences Clontech, Palo Alto, Calif.) and BDTM Tet-Off and Tet-On Gene Expression Systems User Manual, PT3001-1, BD Biosciences Glegete Clontech, (Mar. 14, 2003), GeneSwitchTM System (Invitrogen, Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) and GeneSwitchTM System A Mifepristone-Regulated 5 Expression System for Mammalian Cells version D, 25-0313, Invitrogen, Inc., (Nov. 4, 2002); ViraPowerTM Lentiviral Expression System (Invitrogen, Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) and ViraPowerTM Lentiviral Expression System Instruction Manual 25-0501 version E, Invitrogen, Inc., (Dec. 8, 2003); 10 and Complete Control® Retroviral Inducible Mammalian Expression System (Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.) and Complete Control® Retroviral Inducible Mammalian Expression System Instruction Manual, 064005e.

Thus, in an embodiment, cells from an established cell line 15 susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently contain a polynucleotide molecule encoding a component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate. In another embodiment, cells from an established cell 20 line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently contain a polynucleotide molecule encoding a plurality of components necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate. In aspects of this embodiment, cells from an estab- 25 lished cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently contain a polynucleotide molecule encoding FGFR2, FGFR3, SV2 or SNAP-25. In aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently contain the polynucleotide molecule 30 encoding FGFR2 of SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 131, SEQ IDNO: 132, SEQ IDNO: 133, SEQ IDNO: 134, SEQ IDNO: 135, SEQ ID NO: 136, SEQ ID NO: 137, or SEQ ID NO: 138. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently con- 35 tain the polynucleotide molecule encoding FGFR3 of SEQ ID NO: 139, SEQ ID NO: 140, or SEQ ID NO: 141. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently contain the polynucleotide molecule encoding SV2 of SEQ ID NO: 142, 40 SEQ ID NO: 143, or SEQ ID NO: 144. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication transiently contain the polynucleotide molecule encoding SNAP-25 of SEQ ID NO: 145, or SEQ ID NO: 146.

In another embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication stably contain a polynucleotide molecule encoding a component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate. In 50 another embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication stably contain a polynucleotide molecule encoding a plurality of components necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 sub- 55 strate. In aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication stably contain a polynucleotide molecule encoding FGFR2, FGFR3, SV2 or SNAP-25. In aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A 60 intoxication stably contain the polynucleotide molecule encoding FGFR2 of SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 131, SEQ ID NO: 132, SEQ ID NO: 133, SEQ ID NO: 134, SEQ ID NO: 135, SEQ ID NO: 136, SEQ ID NO: 137, or SEQ ID NO: 138. In other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established 65 cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication stably contain the polynucleotide molecule encoding FGFR3 of SEQ ID

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NO: 139, SEQ ID NO: 140, or SEQ ID NO: 141. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication stably contain the polynucleotide molecule encoding SV2 of SEQ ID NO: 142, SEQ ID NO: 143, or SEQ ID NO: 144. In yet other aspects of this embodiment, cells from an established cell line susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication stably contain the polynucleotide molecule encoding SNAP-25 of SEQ ID NO: 145, or SEQ ID NO: 146.

As mentioned above, an exogenous component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25, a FGFR2, a FGFR3, or a SV2 disclosed in the present specification can be introduced into a cell. Any and all methods useful for introducing such an exogenous component with a delivery agent into a cell population can be useful with the proviso that this method transiently introduces the exogenous component disclosed in the present specification in at least 50% of the cells within a given cell population. Thus, aspects of this embodiment can include a cell population in which, e.g., at least 50%, at least 60%, at least 70%, at least 80%, or at least 90% of the given cell population transiently contains an exogenous component necessary for the cells to undergo the overall cellular mechanism whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate, such as, e.g., a SNAP-25, a FGFR2, a FGFR3, or a SV2 disclosed in the present specification. As used herein, the term "delivery agent" refers to any molecule that enables or enhances internalization of a covalently-linked, non-covalently-linked or in any other manner associated with a polypeptide into a cell. Thus, the term "delivery agent" encompasses, without limitation, proteins, peptides, peptidomimetics, small molecules, polynucleotide molecules, liposomes, lipids, viruses, retroviruses and cells that, without limitation, transport a covalently or non-covalently linked molecule to the cell membrane, cell cytoplasm or nucleus. It further is understood that the term "delivery agent" encompasses molecules that are internalized by any mechanism, including delivery agents which function via receptor mediated endocytosis and those which are independent of receptor mediated endocytosis.

A delivery agent can also be an agent that enables or enhances cellular uptake of a covalently linked component, like FGFR2, FGFR3, SV2, or SNAP-25, such as, e.g., by chemical conjugation or by genetically produced fusion proteins. Methods that covalently link delivery agents and methods of using such agents are described in, e.g., Steven F. Dowdy, Protein Transduction System and Methods of Use Thereof, International Publication No WO 00/34308; Gerard Chassaing & Alain Prochiantz, Peptides which can be Used as Vectors for the Intracellular Addressing of Active Molecules, U.S. Pat. No. 6,080,724; Alan Frankel et al., Fusion Protein Comprising TAT-derived Transport Moiety, U.S. Pat. No. 5,674,980; Alan Frankel et al., TAT-derived Transport Polypeptide Conjugates, U.S. Pat. No. 5,747,641; Alan Frankel et al., TAT-derived Transport Polypeptides and Fusion Proteins, U.S. Pat. No. 5,804,604; Peter F. J. O'Hare et al., Use of Transport Proteins, U.S. Pat. No. 6,734,167; Yao-Zhong Lin & Jack J. Hawiger, Method for Importing Biologically Active Molecules into Cells, U.S. Pat. No. 5,807,746; Yao-Zhong Lin & Jack J. Hawiger, Method for Importing Biologically Active Molecules into Cells, U.S. Pat. No. 6,043,339; Yao-Zhong Lin et al., Sequence and Method for Genetic Engineering of Proteins with Cell Membrane Translocating Activity, U.S. Pat. No. 6,248,558; Yao-Zhong Lin et al., Sequence and Method for Genetic Engineering of Proteins with Cell Membrane Translocating Activity, U.S. Pat.

No. 6,432,680; Jack J. Hawiger et al., Method for Importing Biologically Active Molecules into Cells, U.S. Pat. No. 6,495,518; Yao-Zhong Lin et al, Sequence and Method for Genetic Engineering of Proteins with Cell Membrane Translocating Activity, U.S. Pat. No. 6,780,843; Jonathan B. Rothbard & Paul A Wender, Method and Composition for Enhancing Transport Across Biological Membranes, U.S. Pat. No. 6,306,993; Jonathan B. Rothbard & Paul A Wender, Method and Composition for Enhancing Transport Across Biological Membranes, U.S. Pat. No. 6,495,663; and Pamela B. Davis et al., Fusion Proteins for Protein Delivery, U.S. Pat. No. 6,287, 817, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

A delivery agent can also be an agent that enables or enhances cellular uptake of a non-covalently associated component, like FGFR2, FGFR3, SV2c, or SNAP-25. Methods 15 that function in the absence of covalent linkage and methods of using such agents are described in, e.g., Gilles Divita et al, Peptide-Mediated Transfection Agents and Methods of Use, U.S. Pat. No. 6,841,535; Philip L Felgner and Olivier Zelphati, Intracellular Protein Delivery Compositions and Meth- 20 ods of Use, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0008813; and Michael Karas, Intracellular Delivery of Small Molecules, Proteins and Nucleic Acids, U.S. Patent Publication 2004/ 0209797, each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety. Such peptide delivery agents can be prepared and 25 used by standard methods and are commercially available, see, e.g. the CHARIOTTM Reagent (Active Motif, Carlsbad, Calif.); BIO-PORTER® Reagent (Gene Therapy Systems, Inc., San Diego, Calif.), BIO TREKTM Protein Delivery Reagent (Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif.), and PRO-JECTTM Pro- 30 tein Transfection Reagent (Pierce Biotechnology Inc., Rockford, Ill.).

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, a sample comprising a BoNT/A. As used herein, the term "sample comprising a BoNT/A" refers to any biological mat- 35 ter that contains or potentially contains an active BoNT/A. A variety of samples can be assayed according to a method disclosed in the present specification including, without limitation, purified, partially purified, or unpurified BoNT/A; recombinant single chain or di-chain toxin with a naturally or 40 non-naturally occurring sequence; recombinant BoNT/A with a modified protease specificity; recombinant BoNT/A with an altered cell specificity; bulk BoNT/A; a formulated BoNT/A product, including, e.g., BOTOX®, DYSPORT®/ RELOXIN®, XEOMIN®, PURTOX®, NEURONOX®, 45 BTX-A and; cells or crude, fractionated or partially purified cell lysates from, e.g., bacteria, yeast, insect, or mammalian sources; blood, plasma or serum; raw, partially cooked, cooked, or processed foods; beverages; animal feed; soil samples; water samples; pond sediments; lotions; cosmetics; 50 and clinical formulations. It is understood that the term sample encompasses tissue samples, including, without limitation, mammalian tissue samples, livestock tissue samples such as sheep, cow and pig tissue samples; primate tissue samples; and human tissue samples. Such samples encom- 55 pass, without limitation, intestinal samples such as infant intestinal samples, and tissue samples obtained from a wound. As non-limiting examples, a method of detecting picomolar amounts of BoNT/A activity can be useful for determining the presence or activity of a BoNT/A in a food or 60 beverage sample; to assay a sample from a human or animal, for example, exposed to a BoNT/A or having one or more symptoms of botulism; to follow activity during production and purification of bulk BoNT/A; to assay a formulated BoNT/A product used in pharmaceutical or cosmetics applications; or to assay a subject's blood serum for the presence or absence of neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies.

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Thus, in an embodiment, a sample comprising a BoNT/A is a sample comprising any amount of a BoNT/A. In aspects of this embodiment, a sample comprising a BoNT/A comprises about 100 ng or less, about 10 ng or less, about 1 ng or less, about 10 pg or less, or about 1 pg or less of a BoNT/A. In other aspects of this embodiment, a sample comprising a BoNT/A comprises about 1 pM or less, about 100 nM or less, about 10 nM or less, about 100 pM or less, about 100 fM or less, about 100 fM

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. As used herein, the term "SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond" refers to a cellular component containing the SNAP-25 cleavage product. It is envisioned that any method suitable for enriching or isolating a SNAP-25 component can be useful, including, without limitation, cell lysing protocols, spin-column purification protocols, immunoprecipitation, affinity purification, and protein chromatography.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, an α -SNAP-25 antibody linked to a solid phase support. As used herein, the term "solid-phase support" is synonymous with "solid phase" and refers to any matrix that can be used for immobilizing an α-SNAP-25 antibody disclosed in the present specification. Non-limiting examples of solid phase supports include, e.g., a tube; a plate; a column; pins or "dipsticks"; a magnetic particle, a bead or other spherical or fibrous chromatographic media, such as, e.g., agarose, sepharose, silica and plastic; and sheets or membranes, such as, e.g., nitrocellulose and polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF). The solid phase support can be constructed using a wide variety of materials such as, e.g., glass, carbon, polystyrene, polyvinylchloride, polypropylene, polyethylene, dextran, nylon, diazocellulose, or starch. The solid phase support selected can have a physical property that renders it readily separable from soluble or unbound material and generally allows unbound materials, such as, e.g., excess reagents, reaction by-products, or solvents, to be separated or otherwise removed (by, e.g., washing, filtration, centrifugation, etc.) from solid phase support-bound assay component. Non-limiting examples of how to make and use a solid phase supports are described in, e.g., Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, supra, (2001); and Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, supra, (2004), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Aspects of the present disclosure comprise, in part, detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond and a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. It is envisioned that any detection system can be used to practice aspects of this disclosed immuno-based method, with the provision that the signal to noise ratio can distinguish to a statistically significant degree the signal from the antibody-antigen complex from the background signal. Non-limiting examples of immuno-based detection systems include immunoblot analysis, like Western blotting and dot-blotting, immunoprecipitation analysis, enzyme-linked immunosorbent analysis (ELISA), and sandwich ELISA. The detection of the signal can be achieved using autoradiography with imaging or phosphorimaging (AU), chemiluminescence (CL), electrochemi-

luminescence (ECL), bioluminescence (BL), fluorescence, resonance energy transfer, plane polarization, colorimetric, or flow cytometry (FC). Descriptions of immuno-based detection systems are disclosed in, e.g., Michael M. Rauhut, Chemiluminescence, In Kirk-Othmer Concise Encyclopedia 5 of Chemical Technology (Ed. Grayson, 3rd ed, John Wiley and Sons, 1985); A. W. Knight, A Review of Recent Trends in Analytical Applications of Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence, Trends Anal. Chem. 18(1): 47-62 (1999); K. A. Fahnrich, et al., Recent Applications of Electrogenerated Chemi- 10 luminescence in Chemical Analysis, Talanta 54(4): 531-559 (2001); Commonly Used Techniques in Molecular Cloning, pp. A8.1-A8-55 (Sambrook & Russell, eds., Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Vol. 3, 3rd ed. 2001); Detection Systems, pp. A9.1-A9-49 (Sambrook & Russell, eds., 15 Molecular Cloning A Laboratory Manual, Vol. 3, 3rd ed. 2001); Electrogenerated Chemiluminescence, (Ed. Allen J. Bard, Marcel Dekker, Inc., 2004), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

A sandwich ELISA (or sandwich immunoassay) is a 20 method based on two antibodies, which bind to different epitopes on the antigen. A capture antibody having a high binding specificity for the antigen of interest, is bound to a solid surface. The antigen is then added followed by addition of a second antibody referred to as the detection antibody. The 25 detection antibody binds the antigen to a different epitope than the capture antibody. The antigen is therefore 'sandwiched' between the two antibodies. The antibody binding affinity for the antigen is usually the main determinant of immunoassay sensitivity. As the antigen concentration 30 increases the amount of detection antibody increases leading to a higher measured response. To quantify the extent of binding different reporter systems can be used, such as, e.g., an enzyme attached to the secondary antibody and a reporter substrate where the enzymatic reaction forms a readout as the 35 detection signal. The signal generated is proportional to the amount of target antigen present in the sample. The reporter substrate used to measure the binding event determines the detection mode. A spectrophotometric plate reader is used for colorimetric detection. Chemiluminescent and electrochemi- 40 luminescence substrates have been developed which further amplify the signal and can be read on a luminescent reader. The reporter can also be a fluorescent readout where the enzyme step of the assay is replaced with a fluorophore and the readout is then measured using a fluorescent reader. 45 Reagents and protocols necessary to perform an ECL sandwich ELISA are commercially available, including, without exception, MSD sandwich ELISA-ECL detection platform (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.).

Thus, in an embodiment, detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising an α -SNAP-25 antibody that selectively binds to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond and a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond can be performed using an immuno-blot analysis, an immunoprecipitation analysis, an ELISA, or a sandwich ELISA. In aspects of this embodiment, the detection is performed using a AU, CL, ECL, or BL immuno-blot analysis, a AU, CL, ECL, BL, or FC immunoprecipitation analysis, a AU, CL, ECL, BL, or FC ELISA, or a AU, CL, ECL, BL, or FC sandwich ELISA.

Aspects of the present disclosure can be practiced in a single plex or multiplex fashion. An immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity practiced in a single-plex fashion 65 is one that only detects the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising an α -SNAP-25 antibody and a SNAP-25 48

cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. An immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity practiced in a multiplex fashion is one that concurrently detects the presence of two or more antibody-antigen complexes; one of which is the antibody-antigen complex comprising an α-SNAP-25 antibody and a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; and the other(s) of which is antibody-antigen complex to a second, third, fourth, etc. different protein. A second protein can be used, e.g., as an internal control to minimize sample to sample variability by normalizing the amount of α -SNAP-25/SNAP-25 antibody-antigen complex detected to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected for the second protein. As such, the second protein is usually one that is consistently expressed by the cell, such as a house-keeping protein. Non-limiting examples of a useful second protein, include, e.g., a Glyceraldehyde-3-Phosphate Dehydrogenase (GAPDH), Syntaxin, cytokines. Methods of performing an immuno-based assay in a multiplex fashion are described in. e.g., U. B. Nielsen and B. H. Geierstanger, Multiplexed Sandwich Assays in Microarray Format, J. Immunol. Methods. 290(1-2): 107-120 2004); R. Barry and M, Soloviev, Quantitative Protein Profiling using Antibody Arrays, Proteomics, 4(12): 3717-3726 (2004); M. M. Ling et al., Multiplexing Molecular Diagnostics and Immunoassays using Emerging Microarray Technologies, Expert Rev Mol. Diagn. 7(1): 87-98 (2007); S. X. Leng et al., ELISA and Multiplex Technologies for Cytokine Measurement in Inflammation and Aging Research, J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med. Sci. 63(8): 879-884 (2008), each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

Thus, in one embodiment, an immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity practiced in a single-plex fashion by only detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising an $\alpha\textsc{-}SNAP\textsc{-}25$ antibody and a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. In another embodiment, immuno-based method of detecting BoNT/A activity practiced in a multiplex fashion by concurrently detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising an $\alpha\textsc{-}SNAP\textsc{-}25$ antibody and a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond and at least one other antibody-antigen complex to a protein other than SNAP-25, such as, e.g., GAPDH or Syntaxin.

Aspects of the present disclosure provide, in part, a method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance. As used herein, the term "BoNT/A immunoresistance" means a mammal that does not fully respond to a BoNT/A therapy, or shows a reduced beneficial effect of a BoNT/A therapy because the immune response of that mammal, either directly or indirectly, reduces the efficacy of the therapy. A non-limiting example of reduced efficacy would be the presence in a mammal of at least one neutralizing α-BoNT/A antibody that binds to a BoNT/A toxin in a manner that reduces or prevents the specificity or activity of the toxin. As used herein, the term "BoNT/A therapy" means a treatment, remedy, cure, healing, rehabilitation or any other means of counteracting something undesirable in a mammal requiring neuromodulation using a BoNT/A toxin or administering to a mammal one or more controlled doses of a medication, preparation or mixture of a BoNT/A toxin that has medicinal, therapeutic, curative, cosmetic, remedial or any other beneficial effect. BoNT/A therapy encompasses, without limitation, the use of any naturally occurring or modified fragment thereof, in any formulation, combined with any carrier or active ingredient and

administered by any route of administration. An exemplary, well-known BoNT/A therapy is a BOTOX® therapy.

Aspects of the present disclosure provide, in part, a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies. As used herein, the term "test sample" refers to any biological matter that contains or potentially contains at least one α -BoNT/A antibody. An α-BoNT/A antibody can be a neutralizing anti-BoNT/A antibody or a non-neutralizing anti-BoNT/A antibody. As used herein, the term "neutralizing anti-BoNT/A antibodies" means any α-BoNT/A antibody that will, under physiological conditions, bind to a region of a BoNT/A toxin in such a manner as to reduce or prevent the toxin from exerting its effect in a BoNT/A therapy. As used herein, the 15 term "non-neutralizing α-BoNT/A antibodies" means any α-BoNT/A antibody that will, under physiological conditions, bind to a region of a BoNT/A toxin, but not prevent the toxin from exerting its effect in a BoNT/A therapy. It is envisioned that any and all samples that can contain 20 α -BoNT/A antibodies can be used in this method, including, without limitation, blood, plasma, serum and lymph fluid. In addition, any and all organisms capable of raising α -BoNT/A antibodies against a BoNT/A toxin can serve as a source for a sample including, but not limited to, birds and mammals, 25 including mice, rats, goats, sheep, horses, donkeys, cows, primates and humans. Non-limiting examples of specific protocols for blood collection and serum preparation are described in, e.g., Marjorie Schaub Di Lorenzo & Susan King Strasinger, Blood Collection in Healthcare (F. A. Davis Company, 2001); and Diana Garza & Kathleen Becan-McBride, Phlebotomy Handbook: Blood Collection Essen-TIALS (Prentice Hall, 6th ed., 2002). These protocols are routine procedures well within the scope of one skilled in the art and from the teaching herein. A test sample can be obtained from an organism prior to exposure to a BoNT/A toxin, after a single BoNT/A treatment, after multiple BoNT/A toxin treatments, before onset of resistance to a BoNT/A therapy, or after onset of resistance to a BoNT/A therapy.

Aspects of the present disclosure provide, in part, a control sample. As used herein, the term "control sample" means any sample in which the presence or absence of the test sample is known and includes both negative and positive control samples. With respect to neutralizing α-BoNT/A antibodies, 45 a negative control sample can be obtained from an individual who had never been exposed to BoNT/A and may include, without limitation, a sample from the same individual supplying the test sample, but taken before undergoing a BoNT/A therapy; a sample taken from a different individual never been exposed to BoNT/A; a pooled sample taken from a plurality of different individuals never been exposed to BoNT/A. With respect to neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies, a positive control sample can be obtained from an individual manifesting BoNT/A immunoresistance and includes, without limitation, individual testing positive in a patient-based testing assays; individual testing positive in an in vivo bioassay; and individual showing hyperimmunity, e.g., a BoNT/A vaccinated individual.

It is further foreseen that α -BoNT/A antibodies can be purified from a sample. Anti-BoNT/A antibodies can be purified from a sample, using a variety of procedures including, without limitation, Protein NG chromatography and affinity chromatography. Non-limiting examples of specific protocols for purifying antibodies from a sample are described in, e.g., ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL (Edward

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Harlow & David Lane, eds., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2nd ed. 1998); USING ANTIBODIES: A LABORATORY MANUAL: PORTABLE PROTOCOL No. I (Edward Harlow & David Lane, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1998); and Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, supra, (2001), which are hereby incorporated by reference. In addition, non-limiting examples of antibody purification methods as well as well-characterized reagents, conditions and protocols are readily available from commercial vendors that include, without limitation, Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.; and Zymed Laboratories, Inc., South San Francisco, Calif. These protocols are routine procedures well within the scope of one skilled in the art.

Thus, in an embodiment, a sample comprises blood. In aspect of this embodiment, the sample comprises mouse blood, rat blood, goat blood, sheep blood, horse blood, donkey blood, cow blood, primate blood or human blood. In another embodiment, a sample comprises plasma. In an aspect of this embodiment, a test sample comprises mouse plasma, rat plasma, goat plasma, sheep plasma, horse plasma, donkey plasma, cow plasma, primate plasma or human plasma. In another embodiment, a sample comprises serum. In an aspect of this embodiment, the sample comprises mouse serum, rat serum, goat serum, sheep serum, horse serum, donkey serum, cow serum, primate serum and human serum. In another embodiment, a sample comprises lymph fluid. In aspect of this embodiment, a sample comprises mouse lymph fluid, rat lymph fluid, goat lymph fluid, sheep lymph fluid, horse lymph fluid, donkey lymph fluid, cow lymph fluid, primate lymph fluid or human lymph fluid. In yet another embodiment, a sample is a test sample. In yet another embodiment, a sample is a control sample. In aspects of this embodi-35 ment, a control sample is a negative control sample or a positive control sample.

Aspects of the present disclosure provide, in part, comparing the amount of SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond detected in step (d) to the amount of SNAP-25 having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond detected in step (e). In an embodiment, the amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the test sample is higher as compared to the amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the control sample. In an aspect of this embodiment, a higher amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the test sample as compared to a positive control sample indicates a reduction in or lack of BoNT/A immunoresistance in the mammal. In another aspect of this embodiment, an equivalent amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the test sample as compared to a negative control sample indicates a reduction in or lack of BoNT/A immunoresistance in the mammal. In another embodiment, the amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the test sample is lower as compared to the amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the control sample. In an aspect of this embodiment, a lower or equivalent amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the test sample as compared to a positive control sample indicates an increase in or presence of BoNT/A immunoresistance in the mammal. In another aspect of this embodiment, a lower amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the test sample as compared to a negative control sample indicates an increase in or presence of BoNT/A immunoresistance in the mammal.

It is envisioned that any and all assay conditions suitable for detecting the present of a neutralizing $\alpha\text{-BoNT/A}$ anti-

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body in a sample are useful in the methods disclosed in the present specification, such as, e.g., linear assay conditions and non-linear assay conditions. In an embodiment, the assay conditions are linear. In an aspect of this embodiment, the assay amount of a BoNT/A is in excess. In another aspect of this embodiment, the assay amount of a BoNT/A is rate-limiting. In another aspect of this embodiment, the assay amount of a test sample is rate-limiting.

Aspects of the present disclosure can also be described as $_{10}$ follows:

- A composition comprising a carrier linked to a flexible linker linked to SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.
- 2. The composition of 1, wherein the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond is glutamine or lysine.
- The composition of 1, wherein the SNAP-25 antigen comprises SEQ ID NO: 147.
- The composition of 1, wherein the flexible linker and the SNAP-25 antigen amino acid sequence is SEQ ID NO: 38 or SEQ ID NO: 46.
- 5. An isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the isolated $_{25}$ α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P $_{1}$ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product.
- 6. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody has an association rate constant for an epitope not comprising a carboxyl-terminus glutamine of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product of less than $1\times10^1~{\rm M}^{-1}~{\rm s}^{-1}$; and wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody has an equilibrium disassociation constant for the epitope of less than $0.450~{\rm nM}$.
- 7. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody has a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 72, SEQ ID NO: 74, 40 SEQ ID NO: 76, SEQ ID NO: 80, and SEQ ID NO: 82; and a light chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 84, SEQ ID NO: 86, SEQ ID NO: 88, SEQ ID NO: 90, and SEQ ID NO: 92.
- 8. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises at least the V_H CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 93, the V_H CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 94, the V_H CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 95, the V_H CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 118, the V_H CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 119, or the V_H 50 CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 120.
- 9. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises at least the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 96, the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 97, the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 98, the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 121, the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 121, the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 122, or the V_H CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 123.
- 10. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises at least the V_H CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 100, the V_H C DR3 of SEQ ID NO: 101, the V_H CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 102, or the V_H CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 124.
- 11. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises at least the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 103, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 104, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 105, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID

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- NO: 106, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 107, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 125, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 126, the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 127, the V_1 CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 128, or the V_L CDR1 of SEQ ID NO: 129.
- 12. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises at least the V $_L$ CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 108, the V $_L$ CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 109, the V $_L$ CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 110, the V $_L$ CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 111, or the V $_L$ CDR2 of SEQ ID NO: 112.
- 13. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises at least the V_L CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 113, the V_L CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 114, the V_L CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 115, the V_L CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 116, or the V_L CDR3 of SEQ ID NO: 117.
- 14. The isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising SEQ ID NO: 93, SEQ ID NO: 121 and SEQ ID NO: 100; and a light chain variable region comprising SEQ ID NO: 105, SEQ ID NO: 110 and SEQ ID NO: 115.
- 15. The isolated α-SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α-SNAP-25 antibody selectively binds the SNAP-25 epitope of SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148.
- 16. The isolated α-SNAP-25 antibody of 5, wherein the isolated α-SNAP-25 antibody selectively binds the SNAP-25 epitope of SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, or SEQ ID NO: 44.
- 17. A method of detecting BoNT/A activity, the method comprising the steps of: a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by a BoNT/A; b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; c) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α -SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and d) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity.
- 18. A method of detecting BoNT/A activity, the method comprising the steps of: a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by a BoNT/A; b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; c) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α -SNAP-25 antibody linked to a solid phase support, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and d) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity.

- 19. A method of detecting BoNT/A activity, the method comprising the steps of: a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by a BoNT/A; b) isolating from the treated cell 5 a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; c) fixing the SNAP-25 component to a solid phase support; d) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and e) detecting the presence of an anti- $_{15}$ body-antigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity.
- 20. A method of detecting BoNT/A activity, the method comprising the steps of: a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line can uptake BoNT/A; b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl- 25 terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; c) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond 30 24. A method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and d) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity.
- 21. A method of detecting BoNT/A activity, the method comprising the steps of: a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line can uptake BoNT/A; b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; c) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody linked to a solid phase support, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an eptiepe epitope 45 comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and d) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; wherein detec- 50 tion by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity.
- 22. A method of detecting BoNT/A activity, the method comprising the steps of: a) treating a cell from an established cell line with a sample comprising a BoNT/A, wherein the cell from an established cell line can uptake BoNT/A; b) isolating from the treated cell a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; c) fixing the SNAP-25 component to a solid phase support; d) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; and e) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product;

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- wherein detection by the antibody-antigen complex is indicative of BoNT/A activity.
- 23. A method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a mammal comprising the steps of: a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; b) treating a cell from an established cell line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication; c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; d) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; e) detecting the presence of an antibodyantigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; f) repeating steps b-e with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, the negative control sample comprising a BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; and g) comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f, wherein detection of a lower amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f is indicative of the presence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies.
- mammal comprising the steps of: a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; b) treating a cell from an established cell line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication; c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; d) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody linked to a solid phase support, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; e) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; f) repeating steps b-e with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, the negative control sample comprising a BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; and g) comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f, wherein detection of a lower amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f is indicative of the presence of α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies,
- 25. A method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a mammal comprising the steps of: a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; b) treating a cell from an established cell line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication; c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; d) fixing the SNAP-25 component to a solid phase support; e) con-

tacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α -SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; f) detecting the presence of an antibodyantigen complex comprising the α -SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; g) repeating steps b-f with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, the negative control sample comprising a BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; 10 and h) comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step g, wherein detection of a lower amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex 15 detected in step g is indicative of the presence of α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies.

- 26. A method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a mammal comprising the steps of: a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the 20 presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; b) treating a cell from an established cell line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line can uptake BoNT/A; c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage 25 product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; d) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the 30 BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; e) detecting the presence of an antibodyantigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; f) repeating steps b-e with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, the 35 negative control sample comprising a BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; and g) comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f, wherein detection of a lower amount 40 of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f is indicative of the presence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies.
- 27. A method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a 45 32. The method of 17-22, wherein the sample comprises mammal comprising the steps of: a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; b) treating a cell from an established cell line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line can 50 33. The method of 17-28, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody is uptake BoNT/A; c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; d) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α -SNAP-25 antibody linked 55 to a solid phase support, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_i residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; e) detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; f) repeating steps b-e with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, the negative control sample comprising a BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; and g) comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e to the amount of antibodyantigen complex detected in step f, wherein detection of a

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lower amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step e relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f is indicative of the presence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies.

- 28. A method of determining BoNT/A immunoresistance in a mammal comprising the steps of: a) adding a BoNT/A to a test sample obtained from a mammal being tested for the presence or absence of α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; b) treating a cell from an established cell line with the test sample, wherein the cell from an established cell line can uptake BoNT/A; c) isolating from the treated cells a SNAP-25 component comprising a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond; d) fixing the SNAP-25 component to a solid phase support; e) contacting the SNAP-25 component with an α-SNAP-25 antibody, wherein the α-SNAP-25 antibody binds an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product; f) detecting the presence of an antibodyantigen complex comprising the α-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product; g) repeating steps b-f with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, the negative control sample comprising a BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies; and h) comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step g, wherein detection of a lower amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f relative to the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step g is indicative of the presence of α-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies.
- 29. The method of 17-22 and 23-25, wherein the cell is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication by about 500 pM or less, by about 400 pM or less, by about 300 pM or less, by about 200 pM or less, by about 100 pM or less of a BoNT/ A.
- 30. The method of 20-22 and 26-28, wherein the cell can uptake about 500 pM or less, by about 400 pM or less, by about 300 pM or less, by about 200 pM or less, by about 100 pM or less of BoNT/A.
- 31. The method of 17-22, wherein the sample comprises about 100 ng or less, about 10 ng or less, about 1 ng or less, 100 fg or less, 10 fg or less, or 1 fg or less of BoNT/A.
- about 100 nM or less, about 10 nM or less, about 1 nM or less, about 100 pM or less, about 10 pM or less, about 1 pM or less, about 100 fM or less, about 10 fM or less, or about 1 fM or less of a BoNT/A.
- the isolated α -SNAP-25 antibody of 5-16.
- 34. The method of 17-28, wherein the presence of an antibody-antigen complex is detected by an immuno-blot analysis, an immunoprecipitation analysis, an ELISA, or a sandwich ELISA.
- 35. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method has a signal-to-noise ratio for the lower asymptote of at least 3:1, at least 5:1, at least 10:1, at least 20:1, at least 50:1, or at least 100:1.
- 60 36. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method has a signal-to-noise ratio for the higher asymptote of at least 10:1, at least 20:1, at least 50:1, at least 100:1, at least 200:1, at least 300:1, at least 400:1, at least 500:1, or at least 600:1.
- 65 37. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method can detect the EC₅₀activity of, e.g., at least 100 ng, at least 50 ng, at least 10 ng, at least 5 ng, at least 100 pg, at least 50

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pg, at least $10\,\mathrm{pg}$, at least $5\,\mathrm{pg}$, at least $100\,\mathrm{fg}$, at least $50\,\mathrm{fg}$, at least $10\,\mathrm{fg}$, or at least $5\,\mathrm{fg}$.

- 38. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method can detect the EC₅₀activity of, e.g., at least 10 nM, at least 5 nM, at least 100 pM, at least 50 pM, at least 10 pM, at least 5 pM, at least 100 fM, at least 5 pM, at least 10 fM, at least 5 fM, or at least 1 fM.
- 39. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method has an LOD of, e.g., 10 pg or less, 9 pg or less, 8 pg or less, 7 pg or less, 6 pg or less, 5 pg or less, 4 pg or less, 3 pg or less, 2 pg or less, 1 pg or less of a BoNT/A.
- 40. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method has an LOD of, e.g., 100 fM or less, 90 fM or less, 80 fM less, 70 fM or less, 60 fM or less, 50 fM or less, 40 fM or less, 30 fM or less, 20 fM or less, or 10 fM or less of a BoNT/A.
- 41. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method has an LOQ of, e.g., 10 pg or less, 9 pg or less, 8 pg or less, 7 pg or less, 6 pg or less, 5 pg or less, 4 pg or less, 3 pg or less, 2 pg or less, 1 pg or less of a BoNT/A.
- 42. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method has an LOQ of, e.g., 100 fM or less, 90 fM or less, 80 fM or less, 70 fM or less, 60 fM or less, 50 fM or less, 40 fM or less, 30 fM or less, 20 fM or less, or 10 fM or less of a BoNT/A
- 43. The method of 17-28, wherein the immuno-based method can distinguish a fully-active BoNT/A from a partially-active BoNT/A having 70% or less, 60% or less, 50% or less, 40% or less, 30% or less, 20% or less, or 10% or less the activity of a fully-active BoNT/A.

EXAMPLES

Example I

Screening of Candidate Cell Lines

The following example illustrates how to identify established cell lines susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication or have BoNT/A uptake capacity required for a method of detecting ⁴⁰ BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification.

1. Growth of Stock Culture of Candidate Cell Lines.

To grow the cell lines, a suitable density of cells from the cell line being tested were plated in a 162 cm² tissue culture flask containing 30 mL of a suitable growth medium (see ⁴⁵ Table 1), and grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% or 10% carbon dioxide until cells reached the desired density.

TABLE 1

Media Used in Cell Line Screening.				
Cell Line	Serum Growth Media Composition			
Kelly	RPMI 1640, 10% fetal bovine serum, 1% Penicillin-			
SiMa	Streptomycin, 2 mM L-Glutamine			
NB69	RPMI 1640, 15% fetal bovine serum, 1% Penicillin-			
	Streptomycin			
CHP-126	RPMI 1640, 20% fetal bovine serum, 1% Penicillin-			
	Streptomycin			
N4TG3	RPMI 1640, 10% fetal bovine serum, 1% Penicillin-			
	Streptomycin, 100 μM 6-thioguanine			
MHH-NB-11	RPMI 1640, 10% fetal bovine serum, 1% Penicillin-			
	Streptomycin, 2 mM L-glutamine, 0.1 mM non-essential			
	amino acids			
PC12	RPMI 1640, 5% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, 10%			
	equine serum, 2 mM GlutaMAX TM, 10 mM HEPES, 1 mM			
	sodium pyruvate, 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin			
N18TG2	DMEM (11885-084, Gibco), 10% fetal bovine serum, 1%			
	Penicillin-Streptomycin, 100 μM 6-thioguanine			

	Media Used in Cell Line Screening.						
5	Cell Line	Serum Growth Media Composition					
,	N1E-115	90% DMEM, 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum,					
	N18	2 mM Glutamine, 2 mM glucose					
	ND8/34						
	NG108-15						
	NG115-401L						
10	NS20Y						
	SK-N-SH						
	SK-N-DZ	90% DMEM, 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum,					
	SK-N-F1	4 mM Glutamine, 4 mM glucose, 0.1 mM non-essential					
		amino acids, 1.5 g/L NaHCO ₃					
	BE(2)-C	EMEM(11090-081, Gibco), Ham's F12 (11765-054, Gibco),					
15	BE(2)-M17	10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, 2 mM Glutamine,					
13	CHP-212	0.1 mM non-essential amino acids,					
	LA-1-55n						
	LA-N-1						
	MC-1XC						
	SK-N-BE(2)						
•	SH-SY5Y						
20	NB4 1A3	Ham's F10 (12471-017, Gibco), 2.5% heat-inactivated fetal					
		bovine serum, 15% heat-inactivated horse serum, 2 mM					
		Glutamine					
	Neuro-2a	EMEM, 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum, 2 mM					
		Glutamine, 0.1 mM non-essential amino acids, 1.5 g/L					
		NaHCO ₃ , 1 mM Sodium pyruvate					
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2. Single-Dose Screening of Candidate Cell Lines Using 1 nM BoNT/A.

One parameter tested to improve the sensitivity of a cell-30 based assay was to identify suitable cell lines that exhibited a good capacity to uptake a Clostridial neurotoxin and adhere to a substrate surface. Initially, cell lines were tested for their ability to uptake 1 nM BoNT/A and their ability to attach to a surface. To determine whether a cell line was able to uptake 1 35 nM BoNT/A, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the cell line being tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates containing 1 mL of an appropriate serum growth medium (Table 1). The cells were grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until cells reached the desired density (approximately 18 to 24 hours). The growth media was aspirated from each well and replaced with either 1) fresh growth media containing no toxin (untreated cell line) or 2) fresh growth media containing 1 nM of a BoNT/A complex (treated cell line). After an overnight incubation, the cells were washed by aspirating the growth media and rinsing each well with 200 µl of 1×PBS. To harvest the cells, the 1×PBS was aspirated, the cells were lysed by adding 50 µl of 2×SDS Loading Buffer, the lysate was transferred to a clean test tube and the sample was heated to 95° C. 50 for 5 minutes.

To detect for the presence of both uncleaved SNAP-25 substrate and cleaved SNAP-25 products, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot. In this analysis, a 12 µl aliquot of the harvested sample was separated by MOPS polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis using NuPAGE® Novex 12% Bis-Tris precast polyacrylamide gels (Invitrogen Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) under denaturing, reducing conditions. Separated peptides were transferred from the gel onto polyvinylidene fluoride

(PVDF) membranes (Invitrogen Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) by Western blotting using a Trans-Blot® SD semi-dry electrophoretic transfer cell apparatus (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.). PVDF membranes were blocked by incubating at room temperature for 2 hours in a solution containing Tris-Buffered Saline (TBS) (25 mM 2-amino-2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-propanediol hydrochloric acid (Tris-HCI)(pH 7.4), 137 mM sodium chloride, 2.7 mM potassium chloride), 0.1%

Single-Dose Screening of Candidate Cell Lines Using 1 nM BoNT/A.

TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate), 2% Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA), 5% nonfat dry milk. Blocked membranes were incubated at 4° C. for overnight in TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate), 2% BSA, and 5% nonfat dry milk containing either 1) a 1:5,000 dilution of an α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibody as the primary antibody (SMI-81; Sternberger Monoclonals Inc., Lutherville, Md.); or 2) a 1:5,000 dilution of S9684 α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antiserum as the primary antibody (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.). Both α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal and rabbit polyclonal antibodies can detect both the uncleaved SNAP-25 substrate and the SNAP-25 cleavage product, allowing for the assessment of overall SNAP-25 expression in each cell line and the percent of SNAP-25 cleaved after BoNT/A treatment as a parameter to assess the amount of BoNT/A uptake. Primary antibody probed blots were washed three times for 15 minutes each time in TBS, TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Washed membranes were incubated at room temperature for 2 hours in TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate), 2% BSA, and 5% nonfat dry milk containing either 1) a 1:10,000 dilution of goat polyclonal anti-mouse immunoglobulin G, heavy and light chains (IgG, H+L) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (Zymed, South San Francisco, Calif.) as a secondary antibody; or 2) a 1:10,000 dilution of goat polyclonal anti-rabbit immunoglobulin G, heavy and light chains (IgG, H+L) antibody conjugated to horseradish peroxidase (Zymed, South San Francisco, Calif.) as a secondary antibody. Secondary antibody-probed blots were washed three times for 15 minutes each time in TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Signal detection of the labeled SNAP-25 products were visualized using the ECL PlusTM Western Blot Detection System (GE Healthcare, Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, N.J.) and the membrane was imaged and the percent of cleaved quantified with a Typhoon 9410 Variable Mode Imager and Imager Analysis software (GE Healthcare, Amersham Biosciences, Piscataway, N.J.). The choice of pixel size (100 to 200 pixels) and PMT voltage settings (350 to 600, normally 400) depended on the individual blot. Table 2 indicates the cell lines where a SNAP-25 cleavage product was detected when treated with 1 nM BoNT/A. The following cell lines exhibited both an uptake of 1 nM BoNT/A and appropriate attachment to a substrate surface: BE(2)-M17, IMR-32, Kelly, LA1-55n, N1E-115, N4TG3, N18, Neuro-2a, NG108-15, PC12, SH-SY5Y, SiMa and SK-N-BE(2)-C.

To determine whether a cell line was able to attach to a surface, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the 55 cell line being tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates containing 1 mL of an appropriate growth media (Table 1). The cells were grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until cells reach the desired density (approximately 18 to 24 hours). Cell attachment was assessed 60 by the percentage of cells that adhered to the bottom well surface of the tissue plate relative to the total number of cells seeded. Cell lines CHP-126, IMR-32, LA-N-1, MC-IXC, NG115-401L, SK-N-BE(2)-C, SK-N—F1 and SK-N-MC were deemed unsuitable because each cell line exhibited less 65 than 50% attachment (Table 2). All other cells lines tested exhibited suitable cell attachment characteristics (Table 2).

TABLE 2

	Single-Do	se Screening of Candidat	e Cell Lines Using I	nM BoN	I/A.
5	Cell Line	Description	Source	1 nM BoNT/A Uptake	Attach- ment
	BE(2)-C	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2268	No	>60%
	BE(2)-M17	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2268	Yes	>60%
	CHP-126	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 304	No	<50%
1.0	CHP-212	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2273	No	>60%
10	HCN-1a	Brain cortical neuron	ATCC CRL-10442	No	>60%
	HCN-1a	Brain cortical neuron	ATCC CRL-10442	No	>60%
	IMR-32	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-10742	Yes	<50%
	Kelly	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 92110411	Yes	>60%
	Kelly	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 355	Yes	>60%
	LA1-55n	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 06041203	Yes	>60%
15	LA-N-1	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 06041201	100	<25%
	MC-IXC	Human	ATCC CRL-2270		<25%
	MC-DC	neuroepithelioma	AICC CILL-2270		~2370
	MHH-NB-11	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 157	No	>60%
	N1E-115	Mouse neuroblastoma	ATCC CCL-2263	Yes	>60%
	N4TG3	Mouse neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 101	No	>60%
20	N18TG2	Mouse neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 103	No	>60%
	NB4 1A3	Mouse neuroblastoma	ECACC 89121405	No	>60%
	ND3	Mouse neuroblasto-	ECACC 92090901	No	>60%
	11.23	ma/primary neonatal rat DRG hybrid	201100 72070701	210	0070
	ND7/23	Mouse neuroblasto-	ECACC 92090903	No	>60%
25		ma/primary rat DRG			
		hybrid			
	ND8	Mouse neuroblasto-	ATCC	No	>60%
		ma/primary neonatal rat DRG hybrid			
	ND8/34	Mouse neuroblastoma	ECACC 92090904	No	>60%
30	ND15	Mouse neuroblasto-	ECACC 92090907	No	>60%
		ma/primary neonatal rat DRG hybrid			
	ND27	Mouse neuroblasto- ma/primary rat DRG hybrid	ECACC 92090912	No	>60%
	NB69	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 99072802	No	>60%
35	NDC	Mouse neuroblasto-	ECACC 92090913	No	>60%
	1.20	ma/primary neonatal rat DRG hybrid	20.100 3203 0313	210	0070
	Neuro-2a	Mouse neuroblastoma	ATCC CCL-131	Yes	>60%
	NG108-15	Mouse neuroblasto-	ECACC 88112302	Yes	>60%
40	NG115-401L	ma/rat glioma hybrid Mouse neuroblasto-	ECACC 87032003	No	<50%
	TOTIS TOTE	ma/rat glioma hybrid	Ecree 0.052005	110	5070
	NS20Y	Mouse neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 94	No	>60%
	PC12	Rat	ATCC CRL-1721	Yes	>60%
		pheochromocytoma			00,0
	SH-SY5Y	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2266	Yes	>60%
45	SiMa	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 164	Yes	>60%
	SK-N- BE(2)-C	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2271	Yes	<50%
	SK-N-AS	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2137	No	>60%
	SK-N-DZ	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2149	No	>60%
	SK-N-F1	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2142	No	<50%
50	SK-N-MC	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC HTB-10	_	<25%
	SK-N-SH	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 86012802	No	>60%
	TE 189.T	Spinal cord	ATCC CRL-7947	No	>60%

Example II

Evaluation of Growth Conditions on Neurotoxin Uptake in Candidate Cell Lines

The following example illustrates how to determine growth conditions for established cell lines that maximize susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication or have BoNT/A uptake capacity.

1. Effects of Cell Differentiation on Neurotoxin Uptake of Candidate Cell Lines.

To determine whether cell differentiation improved neurotoxin uptake, cell lines exhibiting uptake of 1 nM BoNT/A

were transferred into serum-free medium to induced differentiation. A suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the cell line being tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates containing 1 mL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium with 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES, 1 mM Sodium Pyruvate, 100 units/mL Penicillin, and 100 µg/mL Streptomycin. These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon $_{10}$ dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 2 to 3 days). As a control, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the cell line being tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates containing 1 mL of an appropriate growth medium (Table 1). These undifferentiated control cells were grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until cells reach the desired density (approximately 18 to 24 hours). The $_{20}$ media from both differentiated and undifferentiated control cultures was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.1 nM, 0.3 nM, or 1 nM of a BoNT/A complex. After an overnight incubation, the cells were washed and harvested as described $\ ^{25}$ in Example I.

To detect for the presence of cleaved SNAP-25 products, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that harvested samples are separated by SDS-PAGE using 12% 26-well Criterion gels (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.), and the rabbit polyclonal $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}_{197}$ antibody serum was used as the primary antibody (see Example IV). Table 3 indicates the cell lines that exhibited a SNAP-25 cleavage product when treated with 0.1 nM BoNT/A. Of the cell lines tested, only the SiMa and Neuro-2a cell lines exhibited an uptake of 0.1 nM BoNT/A in the undifferentiated state. However, besides SiMa and Neuro-2a, the cell lines N18, LA1-55n, PC12, and SH-SY5Y all exhibited an uptake of 0.1 nM BoNT/A in the differentiated state.

2. Effects of Ganglioside Treatment on Neurotoxin Uptake of Differentiated Candidate Cell Lines.

To determine whether treatments improving low-affinity binding of neurotoxin could improve neurotoxin uptake, differentiated cell lines exhibiting uptake of 1 nM BoNT/A were treated with ganglioside GT1b. A suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the cell line being tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates containing serum-free medium as described above, with or without 25 μg/mL GT1b (Alexis Biochemicals, San Diego, Calif.). These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria as described above. The media was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh serum-free media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 1.9 pM, 3.7 pM, 7.4 pM, 14.8 pM, 29.7 pM, 59.4 pM, 118.8 pM, 237.5 pM, 574 pM, 950 pM, and 1900 pM of a BoNT/A complex. The cell lines were incubated at two different times, 24 hours and 48 hours. After toxin incubation, the cells were washed and harvested as described in Example I.

To detect for the presence of cleaved SNAP-25 products, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that harvested samples are separated by SDS-PAGE using 12% 26-well Criterion gels (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.), and the rabbit polyclonal α-SNAP-25₁₉₇ antibody serum was used as the primary antibody (see Example IV). Table 4 indicates the effects of gangliosides treatment on the ability of differentiated cell lines to uptake BoNT/A. These results indicate the lowest concentration of BoNT/A that will produce a detectable band of SNAP-25 cleavage product in the Western blot.

TABLE 3

Effects of Cell Differentiation on Neurotoxin Uptake of Candidate Cell Lines.						
			0.1 nM BoN	Γ/A Uptake		
Cell Line	Description	Source	Undifferentiated	Differentiated		
BE(2)-M17	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2267	No	No		
Kelly	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 355	No	No		
LA1-55n	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 06041203	No	Yes		
N1E-115	Mouse neuroblastoma	ATCC CCL-2263	No	Not Tested		
N4TG3	Mouse neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 101	No	Not Tested		
N18	Mouse neuroblastoma/rat	ECACC 88112301	No	Yes		
	glioma hybrid					
Neuro-2a	Mouse neuroblastoma	ATCC CCL-131	Yes	Yes		
NG108-15	Mouse neuroblastoma/rat	ECACC 88112302	No	Not Tested		
	glioma hybrid					
PC12	Rat pheochromocytoma	ATCC CRL-1721	No	Yes		
SH-SY5Y	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2266	No	Yes		
SiMa	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 164	Yes	Yes		
SK-N-BE(2)-C	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2271	No	Not Tested		

TABLE 4

Effects of GangliosideTreatment on Neurotoxin Uptake of Candidate Cell Lines.						
Uptake						
48 Hour Incubation						
118.8 pM						
Not Tested						
7.4 pM						
Not Tested						
Not Tested						
7.4 pM						
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7.4 pM						
Not Tested						
7.4 pM						
Not Tested						
1.9 pM						
Not Tested						

3. Development of Serum-free Media with Cell Differentiating Properties that Enhanced Neurotoxin Uptake of Candidate Cell Lines.

To determine whether treatment improvements that induce 25 cell differentiation could improve neurotoxin uptake, SiMa, Neuro-2a and PC12 cell lines were grown in various serumfree medium to induced differentiation. A suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the cell line being tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates contain- 30 ing 1 mL of various test serum-free medium. Parameters tested were 1) the effect of different basal media on BoNT/A uptake (MEM and RPMI 1649); 2) the effect of the presence or absence of neurotrophic factors on BoNT/A uptake (N2 supplement and B27 supplement); 3) the effect of the pres- 35 ence or absence of differentiation factors on BoNT/A uptake (retinoic acid and nerve growth factor); and 4) the effect of the presence or absence of serum on BoNT/A uptake (serum-free media and reduced serum media). As a control, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of the cell line being 40 tested was plated into the wells of 24-well tissue culture plates containing 1 mL of a control serum-free media (Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts. 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES, 1 mM Sodium Pyruvate, 100 units/mL Penicillin, and 100 μg/mL Streptomycin). These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 2 to 3 days). The media was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh serum-free media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.005 pM, 0.015 pM, 0.05 pM, 0.14 pM, 0.42 pM, 1.2 pM, 3.7 pM, 11 pM, 33 pM, 100 pM and 300 pM of a BoNT/A complex. In addition, the differentiated cells were treated with BoNT/A for 24 hrs followed by a media change and 48 hrs incubation in fresh media without toxin to 55 allow for the accumulation of SNAP-25 cleavage product. The cells were then washed and harvested as described in Example I.

TABLE 5

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	Serum Free Media Used for Differentiating Cell Lines.	
Cell Line	Test Serum Free Media Composition	
LA1-55n	Minimum Essential Medium with 2 mM GlutaMAX TM I with Earle's salts, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino-Acids, 10 mM HEPES, 1x N2 supplement, and 1 x B27 supplement	

TABLE 5-continued

	Serum Free Media Used for Differentiating Cell Lines.				
Cell Line Test Serum Free Media Composition					
	Neuro-2a	Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAX TM I with Earle's salts, 1 x B27 supplement, 1 x N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES			
)	PC12	RPMI 1640, 2 mM GlutaMAX TM, 1 x B27 supplement, 1 x N2 supplement, 10 mM HEPES, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin and 50 ng/mL Nerve Growth Factor			
	SiMa	Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAX TM I with Earle's salts, 1 x B27 supplement, 1 x N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES			

To detect for the presence of a SNAP-25 cleavage product, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that harvested samples are separated by SDS-PAGE using 12% 26-well Criterion gels (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.), and an α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antibody serum was used (see Example IV). The most optimized media determined for each cell line is shown in Table 5. Table 6 indicates the lowest amount of a SNAP-25 cleavage product detected when the cell lines were grown in this optimized serum-free medium. Use of the optimized serum-free medium resulted in the detection of BoNT/A activity signals with acceptable signalto-noise ratios in LA1-55n, Neuro-2a, PC-12, and SiMa cell lines (FIG. 2). For example, optimized differentiation conditions resulted in a 5-fold increase in SNAP-25 cleavage product detection as compared to the control serum-free media for Neuro-2a and PC12 cells, and almost 50-fold for SiMa cells. In addition, a minimal signal to noise ratio of 3:1 for the lower asymptote and 10:1 for the upper asymptote is required to develop a robust assay amenable for validation. With the exception of LA-1-55n, all optimized cell lines provided a signal to noise ratio for the lower asymptote of at least 3:1 when the signal detected from the 1.2 pM dose was compared to the background signal of 0 pM BoNT/A (FIG. 2). In addi-60 tion, all optimized cell lines provided a signal to noise ratio for the upper asymptote of at least 100:1 when the signal from the 300 pM dose was compared to the background signal of 0 pM BoNT/A (FIG. 2). These results indicate that any of these cell lines could be used to develop an immuno-based method 65 for detecting BoNT/A activity as disclosed in the present specification because the assay was detecting the presence of pM amounts of BoNT/A.

TABLE 6

Effects of Optimized Serum-Free Media on Neurotoxin Uptake of Candidate Cell Lines.							
			BoNT/A Uptake				
Cell Line	Description	Source	Control Serum- Free Media	Optimized Serum-Free Media			
BE(2)-M17	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2267	Not Tested	Not Tested			
Kelly	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 355	Not Tested	Not Tested			
LA1-55n	Human neuroblastoma	ECACC 06041203	7.4 pM	3.7 pM			
N1E-115	Mouse neuroblastoma	ATCC CCL-2263	Not Tested	Not Tested			
N4TG3	Mouse neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 101	Not Tested	Not Tested			
N18	Mouse neuroblastoma/rat glioma	ECACC 88112301	Not Tested	Not Tested			
	hybrid						
Neuro-2a	Mouse neuroblastoma	ATCC CCL-131	3.7 pM	0.8 pM			
NG108-15	Mouse neuroblastoma/rat glioma	ECACC 88112302	Not Tested	Not Tested			
DO12	hybrid	ATOO ODI 1721	20.16	0.42.34			
PC12	Rat pheochromocytoma	ATCC CRL-1721	2.0 pM	0.42 pM			
SH-SY5Y	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2266	Not Tested	Not Tested			
SiMa	Human neuroblastoma	DSMZ ACC 164	0.23 pM	0.005 pM			
SK-N-BE(2)-C	Human neuroblastoma	ATCC CRL-2271	Not Tested	Not Tested			

Example III

Development of α-SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies that Selectively Bind a SNAP-25 Epitope Having a Free Carboxyl-Terminus at the P₁ Residue of the BoNT/A Cleavage Site Scissile Bond

The following example illustrates how to make α -SNAP- ³⁰ 25 monoclonal antibodies that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

1. Generation of α-SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies.

To develop monoclonal α-SNAP-25 antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, the 13-residue peptide CDSNKTRIDEAN-Q_{COOH} (SEQ ID NO: 38) was designed as a SNAP-25 cleav- 40 age product antigen. This peptide comprises a flexible linker region and a N-terminal Cysteine residue for conjugation to KLH and amino acids 186-197 of human SNAP-25 (SEQ ID NO: 5) with a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine (SEQ ID 45 were constructed: BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₁₉₇ of SEQ NO: 38). The generation of monoclonal antibodies to wellchosen, unique peptide sequences provides control over epitope specificity, allowing the identification of a particular subpopulation of protein among a pool of closely related isoforms. Blast searches revealed that this peptide has high homology only to SNAP-25 and almost no possible crossreactivity with other proteins in neuronal cells. The sequence was also carefully scrutinized by utilizing computer algorithms to determine hydropathy index, protein surface prob- 55 ability, regions of flexibility, and favorable secondary structure, followed by proper orientation and presentation of the chosen peptide sequence. The peptide was synthesized and conjugated to Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH) to increase immunogenicity. Six Balb/c mice were immunized with this peptide, and after three immunizations in about eight weeks, the mice were bled for testing. The blood was allowed to clot by incubating at 4° C. for 60 minutes. The clotted blood was centrifuged at 10,000×g at 4° C. for 10 minutes to pellet 65 the cellular debris. The resulting serum sample was dispensed into 50 µl aliquots and stored at -20° C. until needed.

A similar strategy based on other SNAP-25 antigens disclosed in the present specification is used to develop 25 α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. For example, the SNAP-25 antigen of

SEQ ID NO: 45 can be conjugated to KLH instead of the SNAP-25 antigen of SEQID NO: 38. As another example, the amino acids 186-197 of human SNAP-25 from the SNAP-25 antigen of SEQ ID NO: 38 can be replaced with SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEO ID NO: 42, SEO ID NO: 43, or SEO ID NO: 44.

2. Screening for the Presence of α-SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies.

To determine the presence of an α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, comparative ELISA and cellbased cleavage assay were performed using the extracted mouse serum. For comparative ELISA, two fusion proteins ID NO: 48 and the BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₂₀₆ of SEQ ID NO: 49. BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₁₉₇ comprised a naturally-biotinylated 16 amino acid BirA peptide of SEQ ID NO: 50 amino-terminally linked to a SNAP-25 peptide comprising amino acids 134-197 of SEQ ID NO: 5. BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₂₀₆ comprised a naturally-biotinylated 16 amino acid BirA peptide of SEQ ID NO: 50 aminoterminally linked to a SNAP-25 peptide comprising amino acids 134-206 of SEQ ID NO: 5. These two substrates were suspended in 1×PBS at a concentration of 10 pg/mL BirA- $HisTag@-SNAP-25_{134-197}$ and the BirA-HisTag@-SNAP- $25_{134-206}$. The BirA-HisTag®-SNAP- $25_{134-197}$ and the BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₂₀₆ were coated onto separate plates by adding approximately 100 \1 of the appropriate Substrate Solution and incubating the plates at room temperature for one hour. Washed plates were incubated at 37° C. for one hour in 0.5% BSA in 1×TBS containing a 1:10 to 1:100 dilution of an antibody-containing serum derived from one of the six immunized mice (Mouse 1, Mouse 2, Mouse 3, Mouse 4, Mouse 5, and Mouse 6). Primary antibody probed plates were

washed four times for 5 minutes each time in 200 µl TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Washed plates were incubated at 37° C. for 1 hour in 1×TBS containing a 1:10,000 dilution of goat polyclonal anti-mouse IgG antibody conjugated to Horseradish peroxidase (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.) as a secondary antibody. Secondary antibody-probed plates were washed four times in 200 µl TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Chromogenic detection of the labeled SNAP-25 products were visualized by chromogenic detection using ImmunoPure TMB substrate kit (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.). The development of a yellow color in the BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25 $_{134-197}$ coated plates, but not the BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25 $_{134-206}$ coated plates, indicated that the α -SNAP-25 antibody preferentially recognized the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product. The resulted indicated that of the six mice used for immunization, three mice (Mouse 2, Mouse 3, and Mouse 4) had higher titers and more $_{20}$ specificity towards a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

These results were confirmed using an ELISA light chain activity assay. A 96-well Reacti-Bind Streptavidin coated ²⁵ plates (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, HI.) were prepared by adding approximately 100 µl of the following Substrate Solution: Rows A-C were coated with 100 µl of BirA-HisTag®-SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₁₉₇ at twelve different concentrations; $_{30}$ Rows D-H were coated with 100 µl of BirA-HisTag®-SNAP- $25_{134-206}$ at 10 µg/mL. The plates were washed by aspirating the Substrate Solution and rinsing each well three times with 200 µl TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Dilutions of BoNT/A were pre-reduced 35 at 37° C. for 20 minutes in BoNT/A Incubation Buffer (50 mM HEPES, pH 7.4, 1% fetal bovine serum, 10 μM ZnCl₂, 10 mM dithiothrietol) and 100 μl of the pre-reduced BoNT/A was added to the substrate-coated plates and incubated at 37° C. for 90 minutes. BoNT/A treated plates were washed by aspirating the BoNT/A Incubation Buffer and rinsing each plate three times with 200 µl TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Washed plates were incubated at 37° C. for one hour in 0.5% BSA in 1×TBS 45 containing a 1:10 to 1:100 dilution of the antibody-containing serum being tested. Primary antibody probed plates were washed four times for 5 minutes each time in 200 µl TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Washed plates were incubated at 37° C. for 1 hour in 1×TBS containing a 1:10,000 dilution of goat polyclonal anti-mouse IgG antibody conjugated to Horseradish peroxidase (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.) as a secondary antibody. Secondary antibody-probed plates were washed 55 four times in 200 µl TBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). Chromogenic detection of the labeled SNAP-25 products were visualized by chromogenic detection using ImmunoPure TMB substrate kit (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.). The development of a yellow color, which correlated with the presence of the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product was detected in BoNT/A treated samples, but not untreated controls, using antibody-containing serum derived from all six immunized mice (Mouse 1, Mouse 2, Mouse 3, Mouse 4, Mouse 5, and Mouse 6). Thus, the comparative ELISA analysis indicated that of the mice used for

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immunization, three mice (Mouse 2, Mouse 3, and Mouse 4) had higher titers and more specificity towards a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

For cell-based cleavage assay, a suitable density of PC12 cells were plated into 60 mm² tissue culture plates containing 3 mL of an appropriate serum medium (Table 1). The cells were grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until cells reached the appropriate density. A 500 µL transfection solution was prepared by adding 250 µL of OPTI-MEM Reduced Serum Medium containing 15 μL of LipofectAmine 2000 (Invitrogen Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes to 250 µL of OPTI-MEM Reduced Serum Medium containing 10 pg of a pQBI-25/ GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct (SEQ ID NO: 51). The pQBI-25/GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct comprises a pQBI-25 expression vector (Qbiogene Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) whose promoter elements are functionally linked to a polynucleotide encoding the GFP-BoNT/A light chain of SEQ ID NO: 52. This transfection mixture was incubated at room temperature for approximately 20 minutes. The media was replaced with fresh unsupplemented media and the 500 μL transfection solution was added to the cells. The cells were then incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide for approximately 6 to 18 hours. The cells were washed and harvested as described in Example II. To detect for the presence of the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example II, except that the primary antibody used was a 1:1,000 dilution of the antibody-containing serum and the secondary antibody used was a 1:20,000 of mouse α-IgG Horseradish Peroxidase (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.). A single band corresponding to the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product was detected in BoNT/A treated samples, but not untreated controls, using antibody-containing serum derived from three mice (Mouse 2, Mouse 3, and Mouse 4). Thus, the cell-based cleavage assay indicated that of the mice used for immunization, three mice (Mouse 2, Mouse 3, and Mouse 4) had higher titers and more specificity towards a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

3. Production of Hybridomas.

To make hybridomas producing α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, the spleen from Mouse 2 was harvested three days subsequent to a final "booster" immunization and the spleen cells were fused with myeloma cells P3-X63 Ag8.653 using standard hybridoma protocols. These cells were plated into five 96-well plates and hybrids were selected using HAT medium. Within 8-14 days after fusion, the first screening of the approximately 480 parent clones was carried out using comparative ELISA with the BirA- $HisTag@-SNAP-25_{134-197}$ and the BirA-HisTag@-SNAP- $25_{134-206}$ peptides coated in two separate plates. The comparative ELISA provided a quick screen method to identify hybridomas producing antibodies specific for the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇. The top 18 clones were subjected to further screening using the cell-based cleavage assay described above and immunostaining of LC/A transfected cells. (Table

TABLE 7

		nal Antibody Cell-Based Assay				
Clone	OD SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	OD SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	Ratio _{197/206}	Ratio _{206/197}	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆
1D3	1.805	0.225	8.02	0.13	+++	_
1F12	0.365	0.093	3.92	0.25	_	_
1 G 10	0.590	0.137	4.31	0.23	++	_
1H1	0.335	0.121	2.77	0.36	_	_
1H8	0.310	0.302	1.03	0.97	+	_
2C9	0.139	0.274	0.51	1.97	-	_
2E2	0.892	0.036	24.78	0.04	++	_
2E4	0.228	0.069	3.30	0.30	+	_
2F11	1.095	1.781	0.61	1.63	-	-
3C1	1.268	0.053	23.92	0.04	++	_
3C3	0.809	0.052	15.56	0.06	++	_
3E1	0.086	0.155	0.55	1.80	0	-
3E8	2.048	0.053	38.64	0.03	+++	-
3G2	0.053	0.158	0.34	2.98	-	-
4D1	0.106	0.218	0.49	2.06	-	-
4G6	0.061	0.159	0.38	2.61	_	_
5A5	0.251	0.106	2.37	0.42	+	_
5F11	0.243	0.061	3.98	0.25	-	-

Clones 1D3, 1G10, 2E2, 3C1, 3C3, and 3E8 were further cloned by limiting dilution because the conditioned media produced by these clones comprised α -SNAP-25 antibodies with a preferential binding specificity having a ratio_{197/206} of at least 4:1 for the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product relative to the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate and detected the SNAP-25₁₉₇-cleavage product using the cell-based cleavage assay and the immunostaining of PC12 cells transfected with GFP-LC/A. Similarly clones 2C9, 2F11, 3G2, 4D1 and 4G6 were further cloned by limiting dilution because the conditioned media produced by these clones comprised α -SNAP-25 anti- 35 bodies with a preferential binding specificity having a ratio_{206/197} of at least 1.5:1 for the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate relative to the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product and detected the SNAP-25₂₀₆-uncleaved substrate using the cellbased cleavage assay. These single-cell derived clones were 40 screened again using comparative ELISA, cell-based cleavage, and immunostaining to confirm their affinity and specificity, and the antibodies were isotyped using standard procedures. Ascites were produced from clones 1D3B8 (IgM.k), 1G10A12 (IgG3.k), 2C9B10 (IgG3.k), 2E2A6 (IgG3.k), 45 2F11B6 (IgM.k), 3C1A5 (IgG2a.k), and 3C3E2 (IgG2a.k). Clone 3E8 stopped producing antibodies during the cloning process and could not be further evaluated.

4. Evaluation of Binding Specificity of α -SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies.

To evaluate binding specificity of an α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, ascites from clones 1D3B8, 1G10A12, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 2F11B6, 3C1A5, and 55 3C3E2 were used to detect SNAP-25 cleavage product using the cell-based activity assay, immunocytochemistry and immunoprecipitation.

For the cell-based activity assay, binding specificity was determined by analyzing the ability of α -SNAP-25 antibody-containing ascites to detect the uncleaved SNAP-25₂₀₆ substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product by Western blot analysis. A suitable density of PC12 cells were plated into 60 mm² tissue culture plates containing 3 mL of an appropriate serum medium, grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon 65 dioxide until an appropriate cell density was reached, and transfected with the either a transfection solution lacking the

pQBI-25/GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct (untransfected cells) or a transfection solution containing the pQBI-25/GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct (transfected cells) as described above. The cells were washed and harvested as described in Example I. To detect for the presence of both the uncleaved SNAP-25206 substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that the primary antibody used was a 1:100 dilution of the α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody-containing ascites and the secondary antibody used was a 1:20,000 of α-mouse IgG conjugated to Horseradish Peroxidase (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.). In addition, three commercially available mouse α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies were tested. SMI-81 (Sternberger Monoclonals Inc., Lutherville, Md.), an α -SNAP-25 antibody the manufacturer indicates detects both the uncleaved SNAP-25₂₀₆ substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product, was used at a 15,000 dilution according to the manufacturer's recommendations. MC-6050 (Research & Diagnostic Antibodies, Las Vegas, Nev.), an α-SNAP-25 antibody the manufacturer indicates detects both the uncleaved SNAP-25₂₀₆ substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product, was used at a 1:100 dilution according to the manufacturer's recommendations. MC-6053 (Research & Diagnostic Antibodies, Las Vegas, Nev.), an α -SNAP-25 antibody the manufacturer indicates detects only the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product, was used at a 1:100 dilution according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Table 8 indicates the α -SNAP-25 antibody-containing ascites that detected only the SNAP-25 $_{197}$ cleavage product. The cell-based cleavage assay indicated that ascites produced from clones 1D3B8, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 3C1A5, and 3C3E2 synthesize an α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody having high binding specificity for the SNAP-25 $_{197}$ cleavage product that allows for the selective recognition of this cleavage product relative to the SNAP-25 $_{206}$ uncleaved substrate. Commercial antibody SMI-81 detected the SNAP-25 $_{206}$ uncleaved substrate, but only poorly recognized the SNAP-25 $_{197}$ cleavage product (Table 8). Surprisingly, commercial antibody MC-6050 only detected the SNAP-25 $_{206}$ uncleaved substrate, and failed to recognize the SNAP-25 $_{197}$ cleavage product (Table 8). Even more surprisingly, commercial antibody MC-6050 only detected the SNAP-25 $_{206}$ uncleaved substrate,

and failed to recognize the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product, even though the manufacturer advertises that this antibody selectively detects the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product (Table 8). Thus, this analysis indicates that while 1D3B8, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 3C1A5, and 3C3E2 exhibit suitable selectivity for the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product, 1G10A12 and 2F11B6 do not. In addition, commercial antibodies SMI-81, MC-6050 and MC-6053 all are unsuitable for the immuno-based methods disclosed in the present application because all failed to selectivity detect the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product.

For immunocytochemistry analysis, binding specificity was determined by analyzing the ability of α -SNAP-25 antibody-containing ascites to detect the uncleaved SNAP-25₂₀₆ substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product by immunostaining. See e.g., Ester Fernandez-Salas et al., Plasma Membrane Localization Signals in the Light Chain of Botulinum Neurotoxin, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., U.S.A. 101(9): 3208-3213 (2004). A suitable density of PC12 cells were plated, grown, and transfected with either a transfection solution lacking the pQBI-25/GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct (untransfected cells) or a transfection solution containing the pQBI-25/GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct (transfected cells) as described above. The cells were washed in 1×PBS and fixed in 5 mL of PAF at room temperature for 30 minutes. Fixed cells were washed in phosphate buffered saline, incubated in 5 mL of 0.5% Triton® X-100 (polyethylene glycol octylphenol ether) in 1×PBS, washed in 1×PBS, and permeabilized in 5 mL of methanol at -20° C. for six minutes. Permeabilized cells were blocked in 5 mL of 100 mM glycine at room temperature for 30 minutes, washed in 1×PBS, and blocked in 5 mL of 0.5% BSA in 1×PBS at room temperature for 30 minutes. Blocked cells were washed in 1×PBS and incubated at room temperature for two hours in 0.5% BSA in 1×PBS containing a 1:10 dilution of an ascites from a clonal hybridoma cell line being tested. Primary antibody probed cells were washed three times for 5 minutes each time in 1×PBS. Washed cells were incubated at room temperature for 2 hours in 1×PBS containing a 1:200 dilution of goat polyclonal anti-mouse immunoglobulin G, heavy and light chains (IgG, H+L) antibody conjugated to ALEXA® FLUOR 568 (Invitrogen Inc., Carlsbad, Calif.) as a secondary antibody. Secondary antibody-probed cells were washed three times for 5 minutes each time in 1×PBS. Washed cells were prepared for microscopic examination by mounting in VECTASHIELD® Mounting Media (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, Calif.) and coverslipped. Images of signal detection were obtained with a Leica confocal microscope using appropriate laser settings. Table 8 indicates that the α -SNAP-25 antibody-containing ascites that specifically detected the SNAP-25₁₉₇-cleavage product. The immunocytochemistry analysis indicated that ascites produced from clones 1D3B8, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 3C1A5, and 3C3E2 synthesize an α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody having high binding specificity for the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product that allows for the preferential recognition of this cleavage product relative to the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate.

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For immunoprecipitation analysis, binding specificity was determined by analyzing the ability of Protein A (HiTrapTM Protein A HP Columns, GE Healthcare, Amersham, Piscataway, N.J.), purified α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibodies to precipitate the uncleaved SNAP-25₂₀₆ substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product. See e.g., Chapter 8 Storing and Purifying Antibodies, pp. 309-311, Harlow & Lane, supra, 1998a. A suitable density of PC12 cells were plated, grown, and transfected with either a transfection solution containing a pQBI-25/GFP expression construct (control cells; SEQ ID NO: 53) or a transfection solution containing the pQBI-25/ GFP-BoNT/A-LC expression construct (experimental cells) as described above. The pQBI-25/GFP expression construct comprises an expression vector whose promoter elements are functionally linked to a polynucleotide encoding GFP of SEQ ID NO: 54. After an overnight incubation, the cells were washed by aspirating the growth media and rinsing each well with 200 μl 1×PBS. To harvest the cells, the PBS was aspirated, the cells were lysed by adding an Immunoprecipitation Lysis Buffer comprising 50 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EGDT, 10% glycerol, 1% Triton® X-100 (polyethylene glycol octylphenol ether) and a 1× COM-PLETETM Protease inhibitor cocktail (Roche Applied Biosciences, Indianapolis, Ind.) and incubating at 4° C. for one hour. The lysed cells were centrifuged at 3,000×g at 4° C. for 10 minutes to remove cellular debris and the supernatant transferred to a clean tube and diluted to a protein concentration of approximately 1 mg/mL. Approximately 5 pg of purified monoclonal antibody was added to 0.5 mL of diluted supernatant and incubated at 4° C. for two hours. After primary antibody incubation, approximately 50 µl of immobilized Protein G (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, Ill.) was added to the diluted supernatant and incubated at 4° C. for one hour. The incubated supernatant was washed three times for 30 minutes each time by adding 0.5 mL of Immunoprecipitation Lysis Buffer, centrifuging at 300×g at 4° C. for one minute to pellet the immobilized Protein G, and decanting the supernatant. After washing, the pellet was resuspended in 30 µl of 1×SDS Loading Buffer and the sample was heated to 95° C. for 5 minutes. To detect for the presence of both the uncleaved SNAP-25206 substrate and the cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that the primary antibody used was a 1:1,000 dilution of the α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody serum (see Example IV) and the secondary antibody used was a 1:20,000 of rabbit α-IgG Horseradish Peroxidase (Pierce Biotechnology, Rockford, III.). Table 8 indicates the α -SNAP-25 antibody-containing ascites that specifically pulled down the SNAP-25₁₉₇cleavage product by immunoprecipitation analysis. The immunoprecipitation analysis indicated that ascites produced from clones 2E2A6 and 3C1A5 synthesize an α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody having high binding specificity for the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product that allows for the preferential recognition of this cleavage product relative to the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate.

TABLE 8

Analysis of Clone Ascites Containing α-SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibody						
	Cell-Based Assay		Immunocytochemistry		Immunoprecipitation	
Clone	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆
1D3B8 1G10A12	++	- ++	++ Not Tested	– Not Tested	Not Tested Not Tested	Not Tested Not Tested

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TABLE 8-continued

Analysis of Clone Ascites Containing α-SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibody							
	Cell-Based Assay Immunocytochemistry			Immunopr	ecipitation		
Clone	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	
2C9B10	++	_	++	_	Not Tested	Not Tested	
2E2A6	++	_	++	_	++	-	
2F11B6	+	+	+	+	Not Tested	Not Tested	
3C1A5	++	_	++	_	++	_	
3C3E2	+	_	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	
MC-6050	-	+	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	
MC-6053	_	+	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	
SMI-81	-/+	++	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	Not Tested	

5. Evaluation of Binding Affinity of α-SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies.

To determine the binding affinity of an α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody showing high binding specificity for either 20 the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product or the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate, binding affinity assays were performed on a BIAcoreTM3000 instrument using carboxymethyl dextran (CM5) sensor chips (BIAcore, Inc., Piscataway, N.J.). Runs were conducted at 25° C. with HBS-EP buffer comprising 10 mM HEPES (pH 7.4), 150 mM sodium chloride, 3 mM EDTA, 0.005% (v/v) surfactant P20 at a flow rate of 10 μl/min. SNAP-25 peptides comprising amino acids 134-197 of SEQ ID NO: 5 (SNAP-25 $_{134-197}$) or amino acids 134-206 of SEQ ID NO: 5 (SNAP-25₁₃₄₋₂₀₆) were covalently attached 3 to the surface of the CM5 sensor chips using standard amine coupling. Briefly, the CM5 chips were activated by a 7 minute injection of a mixture of 0.2 M1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodlimide and 0.05 M N-hydroxysuccinimide; the SNAP-25 peptides were then injected in 10 mM sodium 3 acetate (pH 4.0) for 20 min at a flow rate of 10 µl/min; and unreacted succinimide esters were blocked by a 7-min injection of 1 M ethanolamine hydrochloride, pH 8.5. The immobilized amount of SNAP- $25_{134-197}$ or SNAP- $25_{134-206}$ the chip was reflected by a 100-150 increase in response units 4 (about 0.10-0.15 ng/mm²). Antibody samples comprising either ascites or purified monoclonal antibodies produced from clones 1D3B8, 209B10, 2E2A6, 301A5, and 303E2, as well as, commercially available α-SNAP-25 antibodies were passed over the surface of the CM5 chips allowing an asso- 4 ciation time of 10 min and a dissociation time of 20 min. The surfaces were regenerated between runs by a 1 minute injection of 10 mM glycine-HCI (pH 2.5) at a flow rate of 15 μl/min. Sensorgram curves were fitted to a 1:1 kinetic binding model with the BIAevaluation $^{\text{TM}}$ 3.0 software.

The results indicate that both 2E2A6 and 3C1A5 were highly specific for cleaved SNAP-25₁₉₇ product over SNAP-25 uncleaved substrate (Table 9). When compared to the binding affinities of MC-6050 and MC-6053, 1D3B6 had an approximately 10-fold higher equilibrium disassociation 55 6. Sequencing of the Epitope from Isolated α-SNAP-25 constant for the SNAP-25 cleavage product relative to these commercial antibodies (Table 9). Interestingly, 2E2A6 had only a slightly lower equilibrium disassociation constant for the SNAP-25 cleavage product relative to these commercial antibodies (0.405 nM versus 0.497 and 0.508)(Table 9). As 60 neither of these commercial α-SNAP-25 antibodies selectively recognized the SNAP-25 cleavage product (Table 8), an equilibrium disassociation constant lower than about 0.5 nM appears, in part, critical to achieve such selectivity. Similarly, when compared to the binding affinities of MC-6050 and 65 MC-6053, 2E2A6 had an about at least one-fold slower off rate/dissociation constant $(6.74\times10^{-5} \text{ versus } 8.82\times10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1})$

and $1.18 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Table 9). This further suggests that an off rate/dissociation constant lower than about 8.82×10⁻⁴ appears, in part, critical to achieve selective binding for the SNAP-25 cleavage product. This result is consistent with 1 D3B8, which had an off rate/dissociation constant of $5.78 \times$ 10^{-5} s^{-1} (Table 9).

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Analysis of Binding Affinity α -SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies							
SPR	PR 1D3B8 2E2A		2A6*				
Parameter	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆ ^a	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆ ^b			
$Ka (M^{-1} s^{-1})$	1.06×10^{6}	_	1.70×10^{6}	_			
$Kd\;(s^{-1})$	5.78×10^{-5}	_	(1.66×10^{5}) 1.53×10^{-4} (6.74×10^{-5})	(—) —			
KD (nM)	0.050	_	0.090 (0.405)	(—) — (—)			
SPR	3C:	3C1A5		9B10			
Parameter	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆ ^c	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	$\mathrm{SNAP-25}_{206}{}^d$			
Ka (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹) Kd (s ⁻¹) KD (nM)	2.17×10^{5} 2.88×10^{-4} 1.33	_ _ _	$ \begin{array}{c} 1.15 \times 10^4 \\ 3.11 \times 10^{-4} \\ 27.1 \end{array} $	_ _ _			
SPR	MC-	6050	МС	-6053			
Parameter	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆	SNAP-25 ₁₉₇	SNAP-25 ₂₀₆			
Ka (M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹) Kd (s ⁻¹) KD (nM)	1.78×10^{6} 8.82×10^{-4} 0.497	3.06×10^{2} 6.07×10^{-3} 19,800	2.32×10^{6} 1.18×10^{-3} 0.508	1.06×10^{2} 2.56×10^{-5} 240			

^{*}Two independent runs were conducted for this antibody with two different chips "No binding was observed when up to 125 nM of α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody 1D3B8 was passed over the surface of the CM5 sensor chip after a 10 minute association time. "No binding was observed when up to 10 µM of α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody 2E2A6 was passed over the surface of the CM5 sensor chip after a 10 minute association time. "No binding was observed when up to 100 nM of α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody 3C1A5 was passed over the surface of the CM5 sensor chip after a 10 minute association time. "No binding was observed when up to 100 nM of α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody 3C1A5 was passed over the surface of the CM5 sensor chip after a 10 minute association time.

Monoclonal Antibodies.

To determine the epitope of an isolated α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, the polynucleotide molecule encoding the variable heavy (V_H) and variable light (V_L) chains of the α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody produced by hybridomas 1D3B8, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 3C1A5 and 3C3E2 were sequenced. mRNA was extracted and purified from each hybridoma using standard protocols and reversed transcribed into cDNA using either an oligo dT anti-sense primer or a gene-specific (murine IgG1 CH and kappa CL)

TABLE 10-continued CDR Sequences of V_H and V_L domains from

 α -SNAP-25 Monoclonal Antibodies SEO Identified In CDR Sequence ID NO: V_H CDR 2 YLFPGNGNFEYNEKFKG 3C1A5 variant 2 $_{10}$ V $_{H}$ CDR 2 YINPYNDGSKYNEKFKG 3C1A5 variant 1 98 3C3E2 VH CDR 2 YIFPGNGNIEYNEKFKG 1D3B8 99 V_H CDR 3 KRMGY 2E2A6 100 3C1A5 variant 2 V_H CDR 3 2C9B10 KKMDY 101 1D3B8 V_H CDR 3 ARHLANTYYYFDY 3C1A5 variant 1 102 3C3E2 RSSQSIVHSNGNTYLE \mathbf{V}_L CDR 1 1D3B8 103 V, CDR 1 RTTENIYSYFV 2C9B10 104 \mathbf{V}_L CDR 1 RASKSVSTSGYSYMH 2E2A6 105 \mathbf{V}_L CDR 1 KASQDIKSYLS 3C1A5 106 V_L CDR 1 RASQRIGNYLH 3C3E2 107 V_L CDR 2 KVSNRFS 1D3B8 108 \mathbf{V}_L CDR 2 NAKSLAE 2C9B10 109 V_L CDR 2 LVSNLES 2E2A6 110 V_L CDR 2 YATSLAD 3C1A5 V_L CDR 2 YASQSIS 3C3E2 V_L CDR 3 FQGSHVPPT 1D3B8 V_L CDR 3 QHHYGTPYT 2C9B10 V_L CDR 3 QHIRELTRS 2E2A6 115 V_L CDR 3 LOHGESPFT 3C1A5 116 V_L CDR 3 QQSDTWPLT 3C3E2 117

Non-limiting examples of amino acid sequences comprising V_H CDR domain variants of the α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridomas disclosed in the present specification include V_H CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 118 for 1D3B8; V_H CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 119 for 2C9B10, 2E2A6 and 3C1A5 V_H variant 2; V_H CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 120 for 3C1A5 V_H variant 1 and 3C3E2; V_H CDR2 variant SEQ ID NO: 121 for 1D3B8 and 2E2A6; V_H CDR2 variant SEQ ID NO: 122 for 2C9B10 and 3C1A5 V_H variant 55 2; V_H CDR2 variant SEQ ID NO: 123 for 3C1A5 V_H variant 1, and 3C3E2; \mathbf{V}_H CDR3 variant MDY for 1D3B8 and 2C9B10; V_H CDR3 variant MGY for 2E2A6 and 3C1A5 V_H variant 2; and V_H CDR3 variant SEQ ID NO: 124 for 3C1A5 V_H variant 1 and 3C3E2. Non-limiting examples of amino $_{\rm 60}$ acid sequences comprising ${\rm V}_{\rm L}$ CDR domain variants of the α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridomas disclosed in the present specification include V_L CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 125 for 1D3B8; V_L CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 126 for 2C9B10; V_L CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 127 65 for 2E2A6; V_L CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 128 for 3C1A5; V_L CDR1 variant SEQ ID NO: 129 for 3C3E2; V, CDR2 variant

KVS for 1D3B8; V_L CDR2 variant NAK for 2C9B10; V_L

anti-sense primer. Specific murine and human constant domain primers were used to amplify the cDNA by PCR after cDNA production to determine the isotype of the antibody. Degenerate V_H and V_L primers were used to amplify the variable domains from the cDNA. For 5' RACE, a homopolymeric dCTP tail was added to the 3' end of the cDNA. The heavy and light chains were then amplified with an oligo dG sense primer and a gene specific (CH/KC) anti-sense primer. PCR products included the sequence of the signal peptide, variable domains and constant domains up to the anti-sense primer. The PCR products were gel purified to remove small fragments, and cloned into a blunt or TA vector for sequencing. Five independent clones for each chain were sequenced and alignments of V_H and V_L chains and consensus sequences were determined (Table 10). Methods used to determine the V_H and V_L amino acid sequences are described in, e.g., Roger A. Sabbadini, et al., Novel Bioactive Lipid Derivatives and Methods of Making and Using Same, U.S. Patent Publication 2007/0281320; and Peter Amersdorfer, et al., Molecular 20 Characterization of Murine Humoral Immune Response to Botulinum Neurotoxin Type A Binding Domain as Assessed by Using Phage Antibody Libraries, 65(9) Infect. Immun. 3743-3752, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. In addition, commercial services are available to sequence the variable heavy (V_H) and variable light (V_L) chains of an antibody and identify the CDR regions, see, e.g., Fusion Antibodies Ltd., Northern Ireland.

The polynucleotide sequence comprising the V_H and V_L chains of the α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridomas disclosed in the present specification is as follows: 1D3B8 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 71), 2C9B10 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 73), 2E2A6 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 75), 3C1A5 V_H variant 1 (SEQ ID NO: 77), 3C1A5 V_H variant 2 (SEQ ID NO: 79), $3C3E2V_H$ (SEQ ID NO: 81); 1D3B8 V_L (SEQ ID NO: 83), 35 2C9B10 \mathbf{V}_L (SEQ ID NO: 85), 2E2A6 \mathbf{V}_L (SEQ ID NO: 87), $3C1A5 V_L$ (SEQ ID NO: 89), and $3C3E2 V_L$ (SEQ ID NO: 91). The amino acid sequence comprising the V_H and V_L chains of the α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridomas disclosed in the present specification is as follows: 1D3B8 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 72), 2C9B10 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 74), 2E2A6 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 76), 3C1A5 V_H variant 1 (SEQ ID NO: 78), 3C1A5 V_H variant 2 (SEQ ID NO: 80), 3C3E2 V_H (SEQ ID NO: 82); 1D3B8 V_L (SEQ ID NO: 84), 2C9B10 V_L (SEQ ID NO: 86), 2E2A6 V_L (SEQ ID NO: 88), $3C1A5 V_L$ (SEQ ID NO: 90), and $3C3E2 V_L$ (SEQ ID NO: 92). The amino acid sequences comprising the V_H and V_L CDR domains of the α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody produced by the hybridomas 1D3B8, 2C9B10, 2E2A6, 3C1A5, and 3C3E2 are given in Table 10.

TABLE 10

	CDI	R Sequences of V_H ar $lpha$ -SNAP-25 Monoclor		1
CDR		Sequence	Identified In	SEQ ID NO:
V_H CDR	1	TFTDHSIH	2E2A6 2C9B10 3C1A5 variant 2	93
\mathbf{V}_H CDR	1	TFTNYVIH	3C1A5 variant 1 3C3E2	94
\mathbf{V}_H CDR	1	IFTDHALH	1D3B8	95
V _H CDR	2	YIFPGNGNIEYNDKFKG	2E2A6	96

CDR2 variant LVS for 2E2A6; \mathbf{V}_L CDR2 variant YAT for 3C1A5; and V_L CDR2 variant YAS for 3C3E2.

Example IV

Development of α-SNAP-25 Polyclonal Antibodies that Selectively Bind a SNAP-25 Epitope Having a Free Carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ Residue of the BoNT/A Cleavage Site Scissile Bond

The following example illustrates how to make α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 epitope having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P1 residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product, the 10-residue peptide CGGGRIDEANQ (SEQ ID NO: 46) was designed as a SNAP-25 cleavage product antigen. This peptide comprising a N-terminal Cys- 20 teine residue for conjugation to KLH, a G-spacer flexible spacer (GGG) linked to amino acids 191-197 of human SNAP-25 (SEQ ID NO: 5) and has a carboxylated C-terminal glutamine. Blast searches revealed that this peptide has high homology only to SNAP-25 and almost no possible cross- 25 reactivity with other proteins in neuronal cells. The Sequence was also carefully scrutinized by utilizing computer algorithms to determine hydropathy index, protein surface probability, regions of flexibility, and favorable secondary structure, followed by proper orientation and presentation of the 30 chosen peptide sequence. The peptide was synthesized and conjugated to Keyhole Limpet Hemocyanin (KLH) to increase immunogenicity. Before the animals were immunized, naïve rabbits were first screened against cell lysates from candidate cell lines in a Western blot in order to identify 35 animals that had no immunoreactivity to the proteins present in the cell lysates. Two pre-screened rabbits were immunized with this peptide, and after three immunizations in about eight weeks, the rabbits were bled for testing. The blood was allowed to clot by incubating at 4° C. for 60 minutes. The 40 clotted blood was centrifuged at 10,000×g at 4° C. for 10 minutes to pellet the cellular debris. The resulting serum sample was dispensed into 50 μL aliquots and stored at -20° C. until needed.

A similar strategy based on other SNAP-25 antigens dis- 45 closed in the present specification is used to develop α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an epitope comprising a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond from a SNAP-25 cleavage product. For example, the SNAP-25 antigen of SEQ ID 50 NO: 47 can be conjugated to KLH instead of the SNAP-25 antigen of SEQ ID NO: 46. As another example, the amino acids 191-197 of human SNAP-25 from the SNAP-25 antigen of SEQ ID NO: 38 can be replaced with SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, 55 SEQ ID NO: 39, SEQ ID NO: 40, SEQ ID NO: 41, SEQ ID NO: 42, SEQ ID NO: 43, SEQ ID NO: 44, SEQ ID NO: 147 or SEQ ID NO: 148.

2. Screening for the Presence of α-SNAP-25 Polyclonal Anti**bodies**

To determine the presence of α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, comparative ELISA and cell-based cleavage assays were performed using the extracted rabbit serum 65 as described in Example III. The serum from both rabbits contained α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that can selec78

tively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond. The α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antibodies were designated as NTP 22 and NTP 23.

3. Purification of α -SNAP-25 Polyclonal Antibodies.

To purify α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, NTP 22 and NTP 23 antibodies from rabbit serum were purified using affinity columns containing the SNAP-25 antigen of SEQ ID NO: 46.

4. Evaluation of Binding Specificity of α-SNAP-25 Polyclonal Antibodies.

To evaluate binding specificity of an α-SNAP-25 poly-To develop α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies that bind an 15 clonal antibody that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, purified NTP 22 and NTP 23 α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies were used to detect cleavage product using the cell-based activity assay, immunoprecipitation immunocytochemistry and described in Example III. The cell-based cleavage assay, immunocytochemistry analysis and Immunoprecipitation analysis all indicated that NTP 22 and NTP 23 α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies did not cross-react with uncleaved SNAP-25. Thus both NTP 22 and NTP 23 have high binding specificity for the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product that allows for the preferential recognition of this cleavage product relative to the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate. Affinity for the antigens can be determined using SPR in the BiAcore as described in Example III.

Example V

Component and Condition Preparation for a Sandwich ELISA

The following example illustrates how to identify and prepare the components and conditions necessary to perform a sandwich ELISA useful for conducting immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity by detecting a SNAP-25 cleavage product using a α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody specific for a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond.

1. Preparation of Cell Lysates from Cells Treated with BoNT/

To obtain a BoNT/A treated cell lysate for analysis, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of Neuro-2a was seeded into a T175 flask containing 50 mL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES. These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 2 to 3 days). As a control, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of Neuro-2a was seeded into a T175 flask containing 50 mL of an appropriate growth medium (Table 1). These undifferentiated control cells were grown in a 37° C. incuba-60 tor under 5% carbon dioxide until 50% confluence was reached (approximately 18 hours). The media from both differentiated and undifferentiated control cultures was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample) or 10 nM of a BoNT/A complex. After an overnight incubation, the cells were washed and the cells harvested by lysing in freshly prepared Triton X-100 Lysis Buffer (50 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl,

1.5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100) at 4° C. for 30 minutes with constant agitation. Lysed cells were centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 20 min at 4° C. to eliminate debris using a bench-top centrifuge. The protein concentrations of cell lysates were measured by Bradford assay.

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2. Preparation and Identification of Sandwich ELISA Components.

To identify an appropriate capture antibody-detection antibody pair an ECL sandwich ELISA analysis was conducted on twenty-six different combinations of capture and detection antibody pairs comprising eleven different α-SNAP-25 capture antibodies and seven different α-SNAP-25 detection antibodies (Table 12). The α-SNAP-25 antibodies used were 2E2A6 and 3C1A5 α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibodies disclosed in the present specification, SMI-81, MC-6050, and MC-6053 α-SNAP-25 mouse monoclonal antibodies disclosed in the present specification, NTP 23 α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antibodies disclosed in the present specification, S9684 α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antibodies (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), H-50 α-SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antibodies (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc., Santa Cruz, Calif.), C-18 α-SNAP-25 goat polyclonal antibodies (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc., Santa Cruz, Calif.), N-19 α-SNAP-25 goat polyclonal antibodies (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc., Santa Cruz, Calif.), and SP12 α-SNAP-25 mouse polyclonal antibodies (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Inc., Santa Cruz, Calif.).

To prepare the capture antibody solution, the $\alpha\text{-}SNAP\text{-}25$ monoclonal antibodies contained in the ascites from hybridoma cell lines 2E2A6 and 3C1A5 as well as the $\alpha\text{-}SNAP\text{-}25$ MC-6050 and MC-6053 monoclonal antibodies were purified using a standard Protein A purification protocol. All other $\alpha\text{-}SNAP\text{-}25$ antibodies were purchased as purified antibodies

To prepare the detection antibody solution, the appropriate α -SNAP-25 antibody was conjugated to Ruthenium(II)-trisbipyridine-(4-methylsulfonate) NHS ester labeling reagent (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). The conjugation reaction was performed by adding 30 μ L of distilled water reconstituted MSD SULFO-TAGTM stock solution to 200 μ L of 2 mg/mL α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies and incubating the reaction at room temperature for 2 hours in the dark. The labeled antibodies were purified using a standard spin column protocol and the protein concentration determined using a standard colorimetric protein assay. The absorbance of the α -SNAP-25 antibody/MSD SULFO-TAGTM conjugate was measured at 455

nm using a spectrophotometer to determine the concentration in moles per liter. The detection antibody solution was stored

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at 4° C. until needed.

To prepare the solid phase support comprising the capture antibody that is specific for a SNAP-25 cleavage product, approximately 5 μL of the appropriate $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ monoclonal antibody solution (20 pg/mL in 1×PBS) is added to each well of a 96-well MSD High Bind plate and the solution is allowed to air dry in a biological safety cabinet for 2-3 hours in order to liquid evaporate the solution. The capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked by adding 150 μL of Blocking Buffer comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent (GE Life Sciences, Piscataway, N.J.) and 10% goat serum (VWR, West Chester, Pa.) at room temperature for 2 hours. Blocked plates were sealed and stored at 4° C. until needed.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 cleavage product by ECL sandwich ELISA analysis, the Blocking Buffer from stored plates was aspirated from the wells, 25 µL of a lysate from cells treated with BoNT/A, as described above, was added to each well and the plates were incubated at 4° C. for overnight. Plate wells were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 μL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 25 μl of 5 μg/mL detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent in 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate) was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated at room temperature at room temperature for 1 hour with shaking. After detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 200 µL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 150 μL of 1× Read Buffer (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) was added to each well and the plates were read using a SECTOR™ Imager 6000 Image Reader (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). A ratio was calculated by dividing the signal obtained at the 10 nM dose for each antibody-pair by the signal obtained at the 0 nM dose for each antibody-pair (Table 12). These results indicated that among the twenty-six different combinations of antibody pairs tested, only three antibody pairs had signal-to-noise ratios above 10:1 for the higher dose tested: Pair No. 1 (2E2A6 mouse mAb and S9684 rabbit pAb), Pair No. 4 (3C1A5 mouse mAb and S9684 rabbit pAb), and Pair No. 18 (S9684 rabbit pAb and 2E2A6 mouse mAb). Antibody Pair 1 was chosen for further assay development.

TABLE 12

Screening of α-SNAP-25 Antibody Combinations												
Antibody Pair No.	Capture Antibody	Detection Antibody	Detection SNAP- 25 cleavage product	Detection SNAP- 25 uncleaved substrate	Signal/Noise Ratio (10 nM/0 nM)							
1	2E2A6 mouse mAb	S9684 rabbit pAb	Yes	No	26.6:1							
2	2E2A6 mouse mAb	N-19 goat pAb	Yes	No	7.3:1							
3	2E2A6 mouse mAb	H-50 rabbit pAb	Yes	No	0.9:1							
4	3C1A5 mouse mAb	S9684 rabbit pAb	Yes	No	12.1:1							
5	3C1A5 mouse mAb	N-19 goat pAb	Yes	No	1.9:1							
6	3C1A5 mouse mAb	H-50 rabbit pAb	Yes	No	0.9:1							
7	C-18 goat pAb	S9684 rabbit pAb	No	No	0.8:1							
8	C-18 goat pAb	N-19 goat pAb	No	No	0.9:1							
9	C-18 goat pAb	H-50 rabbit pAb	No	No	0.9:1							
10	H-50 rabbit pAb	2E2A6 mouse mAb	Yes	No	0.9:1							
11	H-50 rabbit pAb	C-18 goat pAb	No	No	1.0:1							
12	N-19 goat pAb	2E2A6 mouse mAb	Yes	No	0.9:1							
13	N-19 goat pAb	C-18 goat pAb	No	No	1.1:1							
14	NTP 23 rabbit pAb	N-19 goat pAb	Yes	No	1.2:1							

TABLE 12-continued

Screening of α-SNAP-25 Antibody Combinations													
Antibody Pair No.	Capture Antibody	Detection Antibody	Detection SNAP- 25 cleavage product	Detection SNAP- 25 uncleaved substrate	Signal/Noise Ratio (10 nM/0 nM)								
15	NTP 23 rabbit pAb	C-18 goat pAb	No	No	1.1:1								
16	NTP 23 rabbit pAb	SP12 mouse pAb	Yes	No	1.3:1								
17	NTP 23 rabbit pAb	H-50 rabbit pAb	Yes	No	1.1:1								
18	S9684 rabbit pAb	2E2A6 mouse mAb	Yes	No	21.3:1								
19	S9684 rabbit pAb	C-18 goat pAb	No	No	0.7:1								
20	S9684 rabbit pAb	SMI-81mouse mAb	Yes	Yes	1.2:1								
21	SMI-81 mouse mAb	S9684 rabbit pAb	Yes	Yes	1.1:1								
22	SMI-81 mouse mAb	N-19 goat pAb	Yes	Yes	1.0:1								
23	SMI-81 mouse mAb	C-18 goat pAb	No	No	0.8:1								
24	SP12 mouse pAb	C-18 goat pAb	No	No	1.0:1								
25	MC-6050 mouse mAb	S9684 rabbit pAb	Yes	Yes	5.0:1								
26	MC-6053 mouse mAb	S9684 rabbit pAb	Yes	Yes	7.1:1								

3. Optimization of Cell Differentiation Conditions.

To determine the optimal differentiation condition for a cell line comprising cells susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication when using a sandwich ELISA detection system, both various cell culture media and length of differentiation time were ²⁵ tested.

To determine an optimal differentiation medium, a suitable density of cells from a SiMa cell line was plated into the wells of Collagen IV coated 24-well cell culture plates containing 1 mL of one of the following medias and differentiation supplements: 1) RPMI 1640, 10% fetal bovine serum, 1% Penicillin-Streptomycin, 2 mM L-Glutamine, and 25 μg/mL GT1b); 2) RPMI-1640, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, and 25 μg/mL GT1b; 3) Minimum Essential Medium, 1×B27 35 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, and 25 μg/mL GT1b; and 4) RPMI-1640, 10% BSA, 1×N2 supplement, 1×NGF supplement, and 25 μg/mL GT1b. Cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological cri- 40 teria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.2 pM, 2 pM, or 20 pM of a BoNT/A complex. After an overnight treatment, the cells were washed, incubated for 45 an additional two days without toxin to allow for the cleavage of the SNAP-25 substrate, and harvested as described above in Section 1. The protein concentrations of cell lysates were measured by Bradford assay. Detection of the presence of cleaved SNAP-25 product by ECL sandwich ELISA analysis 50 was performed as described above using Antibody Pair 1. As discussed in Example I, undifferentiated cells did not take up toxin as effectively as differentiated cells. The most effective differentiation medium for increasing BoNT/A uptake and consequently SNAP-25 cleavage medium 3 (MEM+N2+ 55 B27), followed by medium 2 (RPMI-1640+N2+B27), and medium 4 (RPMI-1640+N2+NGF+BSA) (FIG. 3). Cells cultured in medium 2 resulted in more cleavage of the SNAP-25 as compared to the other media.

To determine an optimal differentiation time, a suitable 60 density of cells from a SiMa cell line was plated into the wells of poly-D-lysine coated 96-well cell culture plates containing 100 μL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES and 25 $\mu g/mL$ GT1b. Cells were plated at four different days to obtain a differentiation

time course testing 6 hrs, 24 h, 48 hrs, and 72 hrs, and were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide The media was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.1 pM, 0.2 pM, 0.4 pM, 0.8 pM, 1.6 pM, 3.1 pM, 6.25 pM, 12.5 pM, or 25 pM of a BoNT/A complex. After an overnight treatment, the cells were washed, incubated for an additional two days without toxin to allow for the cleavage of the SNAP-25 substrate, and harvested as described above in Section 1. After harvesting, the protein concentrations of cell lysates and detection of the presence of cleaved SNAP-25 product by ECL sandwich ELISA analysis were performed as described above. The raw data obtained from the ECL imager was then transferred to SigmaPlot v. 9.0 and a 4-parameter logistics fit was used to define the dose-response curves. There were no constraints used for the 4-parameter logistic function when plotting the data. Graphical reports were generated using the following analysis: R2 (correlation coefficient), a (Max for data set), b (hillslope), and X0±SE (EC₅₀ value±standard error). The results indicated that EC_{50} values of less than 2 pM could be achieved with cells differentiated for 48-72 hrs (FIG. 4). The finding that differentiated cells could be used between 48 hrs to 72 hrs of differentiation, with no significant changes on the performance of the cells, highlights the robustness of the assay. Although differentiation time periods less than 48 hrs may not be suitable for picomolar testing of formulated product, these lesser differentiation times are sensitive enough for bulk drug substance testing.

4. Optimization of BoNT/A Treatment Time.

To determine the optimal length of time cells form a cell line need to be treated with a BoNT/A, various lengths of BoNT/A treatment times were tested. A suitable density of cells from a SiMa cell line was plated into the wells of poly-D-lysine coated 96-well cell culture plates containing 100 μL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES and 25 µg/mL GT1b. Cells were plated and incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.1 pM, 0.2 pM, 0.4 pM, 0.8 pM, 1.6 pM, 3.1 pM, 6.3 pM, 12.5 pM, or 25 pM of a BoNT/A complex in RPMI 1640 growth medium in

triplicate to generate a full dose-response. Five different BoNT/A treatment length regimens were performed: 1) a 6 hrs BoNT/A treatment, removal and washing of cells, an incubation of cells for 18 hr without BoNT/A, and harvesting of cells as described above in Section 1; 2) a 24 hrs BoNT/A 5 treatment, removal and washing of cells, and harvesting of cells as described above in Section 1; 3) a 24 hrs BoNT/A treatment, removal and washing of cells, an incubation of cells for 24 hr without BoNT/A, and harvesting of cells as described above in Section 1; 4) a 24 hrs BoNT/A incubation, 10 removal and washing of cells, an incubation of cells for 48 hr without BoNT/A, and harvesting of cells as described above in Section 1; and 5) a 24 hrs BoNT/A incubation, removal and washing of cells, an incubation of cells for 72 hr without BoNT/A, and harvesting of cells as described above in Sec- 15 tion 1. After harvesting, the protein concentrations of cell lysates, detection of SNAP-25 cleavage product by ECL sandwich ELISA performed, and the EC50 calculated as described above. The results indicate that EC_{50} values of less than 2 pM could be achieved with any of the BoNT/A treat- 20 ments tested (FIG. 5). Interestingly, the 24 hrs+24 hrs, 24 hrs+48 hrs, and 24 hrs+73 hrs BoNT/A treatment regimes generated essentially the same EC_{50} values, 1.0 pM, 1.1, pM and 0.9 pM respectively. The EC_{50} values generated for the 6hrs+18 hrs and 24 hrs+0 hrs BoNT/A treatment regimes were 25 1.7 pM and 1.6 pM respectively. Although the amount of signal obtained was lower, these results indicate that BoNT/A treatment times between 6 hrs to 24 hrs plus one day to three days post-treatment incubation can be used to generate an EC₅₀ that is adequate for detecting BoNT/A activity and give 30 flexibility in the assay's overall time course.

5. Sensitivity of Immuno-Based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Activity.

To evaluate the sensitivity of the immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present speci- 35 fication, the timing of BoNT/A uptake by cells susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication was determined. A suitable density of cells from a SiMa cell line was plated into the wells of poly-D-lysine coated 96-well cell culture plates containing 100 μL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential 40 Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES and 20 µg/mL GT1b. Cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and 45 routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media was aspirated from each well, replaced with fresh media containing 1 nM of a BoNT/A complex, and the BoNT/A treated cells were incubated at six different time points of 0 min (neuro- 50 toxin added and then immediately removed), 5 min, 10 min, 20 min, 30 min, and 60 min. A negative control of media with no BoNT/A (0 nM) was used. After incubation, the cells were washed and harvested as described above in Section 1. After harvesting, the protein concentrations of cell lysates, detec- 55 tion of SNAP-25 cleavage product by ECL sandwich ELISA performed, and the EC₅₀ calculated as described above. The results indicated that uptake of BoNT/A by the cells took less than one minute before producing significant amounts of SNAP-25 cleavage product over background (FIG. 6). 6. Specificity of Immuno-Based Method of Detecting

BoNT/A Activity.

To evaluate the specificity of the immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification, the capacity of cells susceptible to BoNT/A intoxi- 65 cation to accurately distinguish BoNT/A to the exclusion of partially inactivated BoNT/A was determined. A suitable

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density of cells from a SiMa cell line was plated into the wells of poly-D-lysine coated 96-well cell culture plates containing 100 uL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES and 25 µg/mL GT1b. Cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 1) 0 (untreated sample), 0.03 pM, 0.1 pM, 0.31 pM, 0.93 pM, 2.78 pM, 8.33 pM, and 25 pM, of a BoNT/A complex; 2) 0, 0.14 nM, 0.41 nM, 1.23 nM, 3.7 nM, 11.11 nM, 33.33 nM, and 100 nM of an inactive BoNT/A (iBoNT/ A); or 3) 0, 0.14 nM, 0.41 nM, 1.23 nM, 3.7 nM, 11.11 nM, 33.33 nM, and 100 nM of an LH_N/A fragment. The iBoNT/A contains a mutation in the zinc binding domain of the light chain that completely inactivates the metalloprotease activity of the neurotoxin, see, e.g., Liqing Zhou, et al., Expression and Purification of the Light Chain of Botulinum Neurotoxin A: A Single Mutation Abolishes its Cleavage of SNAP-25 and Neurotoxicity after Reconstitution with the Heavy Chain, Biochemistry 34: 15175-15181 (1995), which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. The LH_N/A fragment lacks the binding domain, but contains an intact translocation domain and light chain, see, e.g., Clifford C. Shone, et al., Recombinant Toxin Fragments, U.S. Pat. No. 6,461,617, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. After 24 hrs treatment, the cells were washed, incubated for an additional two days without toxin to allow for the cleavage of SNAP-25 substrate, and harvested as described above in Section 1. After harvesting, the protein concentrations of cell lysates, detection of SNAP-25 cleavage product by ECL sandwich ELISA performed, and the EC_{50} calculated as described above. The results indicate that the binding affinity of cells for iBoNT/A and LH_N/A (EC₅₀>100 nM) are at least 60,000 lower than the binding affinity for BoNT/A (EC₅₀=1.6 pM) (FIG. 7). No SNAP-25 cleavage product was detected in cells treated with iBoNT/A at all concentrations tested. Although a low amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product was detected in cells treated with the highest dose of the LH_N/A fragment, this activity is due to non-specific uptake of this fragment due to the activity of the translocation domain. Thus, the results indicate that the immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification can measure all the steps involved in the intoxication process whereby a BoNT/A proteolytically cleaves a SNAP-25 substrate and encompasses the binding of a BoNT/A to a BoNT/A receptor, the internalization of the neurotoxin/receptor complex, the translocation of the BoNT/A light chain from an intracellular vesicle into the cytoplasm and the proteolytic cleavage of a SNAP-25.

Example VI

Immuno-Based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Activity Using ECL Sandwich ELISA

The following example illustrates immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity by detecting a SNAP-25 cleavage product using a α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody specific for a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxylterminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond using ECL sandwich ELISA.

To prepare a lysate from cells treated with a BoNT/A, a suitable density of cells from an established cell line was

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plated into the wells of 96-well tissue culture plates containing 100 µL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES and 25 μg/mL GT1b (see Examples I and II). These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media from the differentiated cells was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.03 pM, 0.1 pM, 0.3 pM, 0.9 pM, 2.8 pM, 8.3 pM, and 25 pM of a BoNT/A complex. After a 24 hr treatment, the cells were washed, and incubated 15 for an additional two days without toxin. To cells were harvested as described in Example V.

To prepare the α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution, the α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody contained in the ascites from hybridoma cell line 2E2A6 was purified using a standard Protein A purification protocol To prepare the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution, α -SNAP-25 rabbit polyclonal antibody S9684 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.) was conjugated to Ruthenium(II)-tris-bipyridine-(4-methylsulfonate) NHS ester labeling reagent (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). The conjugation reaction, purification of labeled α -SNAP-25 antibody, concentration determination and storage were as described in Example V

To prepare the solid phase support comprising the capture antibody that is specific for a SNAP-25 cleaved product, approximately 5 μL of $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ monoclonal antibody 2E2A6 solution (20 $\mu g/mL$ in 1×PBS) was added to each well of a 96-well MSD High Bind plate and the solution is allowed to air dry in a biological safety cabinet for 2-3 hours in order to liquid evaporate the solution. The capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked and used directly to detect BoNT/A activity.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by ECL sandwich ELISA analysis, the Blocking Buffer from stored plates was aspirated from the wells, 25 µL of a lysate from cells treated with BoNT/A was added to each well and the plates were incubated at 4° C. for overnight. Plate wells 45 were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 uL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 25 µl of 5 µg/mL detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent in 1xPBS, 50 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate) was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated at room temperature at room temperature for 1 hour with shaking. After detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 200 µL 55 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 150 μL of 1× Read Buffer (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) was added to each well and the plates were read using a SECTORTM Imager 6000 Image Reader (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). 60 The collected data was analyzed and the EC₅₀ calculated as described in Example V. A representative result is shown in FIG. 8. These results indicated that on average 1.0 pM of BoNT/A at the EC₅₀ was detected (a range of about 0.3 pM to about 2.0 pM) with a signal-to-noise ratio for the lower 65 asymptote of about 15:1 to about 20:1 and a signal-to-noise ratio for the upper asymptote of about 20:1 to about 500:1.

Immuno-Based method of Detecting BoNT/A Activity Using CL Sandwich ELISA

The following example illustrates immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity by detecting a SNAP-25 cleavage product using a $\alpha\textsc{-}\text{SNAP-25}$ monoclonal antibody specific for a SNAP-25 having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond by CL sandwich ELISA.

Lysate from cells treated with a BoNT/A and the α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution were prepared as described in Example VI.

To prepare the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution, α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody S9684 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.) was conjugated to Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.). The conjugation reaction was performed by adding to 500 μL of 1 mg/mL α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies to a vial containing lyophilized activated peroxidase, mixing the components, and then adding 10 μL of sodium cyanoborohydride. This reaction mixture was incubated at room temperature for 1 hour in a fume hood. After quenching the reaction, the labeled antibodies were purified using a standard spin column protocol and the protein concentration determined using a standard colorimetric protein assay. The absorbance of the α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody/HRP conjugate was measured at 455 nm using a spectrophotometer to determine the concentration in moles per liter. The α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution was stored at 4° C. until needed.

To prepare the solid phase support comprising the α-SNAP-25 capture antibody that is specific for the SNAP-25 cleaved product, approximately 100 μL of α-SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody 2E2A6 solution (1 mg/mL in 1×PBS) was added to each well of a 96-well Greiner white plate and the plates were incubated at 4° C. overnight, and then any excess antibody solution was discarded. The capture anti-body-bound wells were then blocked by adding 150 μl of Blocking Buffer comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent (GE Life Sciences, Piscataway, N.J.) and 10% goat serum (VWR, West Chester, Pa.) at room temperature for 1 hour. The blocking buffer was discarded and the plates were blotted dry on paper towels by inverting and tapping. The capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked and used directly to detect BoNT/A activity.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by CL sandwich ELISA analysis, 50 µL of a lysate from cells treated with BoNT/A was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated on a shaker rotating at 500 rpm at 4° C. for 2-4 hours to overnight. Plate wells were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 µl 1×PBS, 0.05% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 100 μL of 1 mg/mL α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody/HRP detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent in 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate) was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated on a shaker rotating at 650 rpm at room temperature for 1 hour. After detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 200 μl 1×PBS, 0.05% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 100 µl of SuperSignal ELISA Pico 1:1 mixture (Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.) was added to each well and the plates were read using a luminometer (Molecular

Devices, Sunnyvale, Calif.) at 395 nm. The collected data was analyzed and the EC $_{50}$ calculated as described in Example V. These results indicated that on average 1.0 pM of BoNT/A at the EC $_{50}$ was detected (a range of about 0.3 pM to about 2.0 pM) with a signal-to-noise ratio for the lower asymptote of about 15:1 to about 20:1 and a signal-to-noise ratio for the upper asymptote of about 20:1 to about 500:1.

Example VIII

Immuno-Based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Activity Using Multiplex ECL Sandwich ELISA

The following example illustrates multiplex immunobased methods of detecting BoNT/A activity by detecting a SNAP-25 cleavage product using a $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ monoclonal antibody specific for a SNAP-25 cleavage product and a second antibody pair for a different protein.

1. Preparation and Identification of Capture Antibody-Detection Antibody Pair for a Second Protein.

To obtain an untreated cell lysate for analysis, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of SiMa cells were seeded into a T175 flask containing 40 mL of a growth medium containing 1×RPMI 1640, 10% FBS, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, and 100 U/100 pg of penicillin-streptomycin. These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells were approximately 70-90% confluent. The cells were washed and harvested by lysing in freshly prepared Triton X-100 Lysis Buffer (20 mM Tris pH 7.5, 150 mM sodium chloride, 0.001M EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, and 1% Triton-X-100) at 4° C. for approximately 30 minutes with constant agitation. Lysed cells were centrifuged at approximately 3300-3330×g for 40 minutes at 8° C. to eliminate debris using a bench-top centrifuge.

To identify an appropriate capture antibody-detection antibody pair for a second protein, an ECL sandwich ELISA 40 analysis was conducted on 21 different combinations of capture and detection antibody pairs comprising of five different proteins (Table 13). The antibodies used were α -Syntaxin 1A-HPC mouse monoclonal antibody S0664 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), α-GAPDH mouse monoclonal antibody 45 MAB374 (Chemicon, Temecula, Calif.), α-Syntaxin 1 rabbit polyclonal antibody S1172-1 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), α-GAPDH rabbit polyclonal antibody 2275-PC-1 (R & D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn.), α -Syntaxin 2 rabbit polyclonal antibody S5687 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), α-human syntaxin 2 mouse monoclonal antibody MAB2936 (R & D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn.), α-mouse syntaxin 2 goat polyclonal antibody AF2568 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), α-Syntaxin 2 rabbit polyclonal antibody AB5596 (Sigma, St. Louis, 55 Mo.), α-Syntaxin 1 rabbit polyclonal antibody S1172-2 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), a-h, m, r actin sheep polyclonal antibody AF4000 (R & D Systems, Minneapolis, Minn.), α-beta actin mouse monoclonal antibody A1978 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), α-beta mouse polyclonal antibody actin A2228 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), mouse α-GAPDH mouse monoclonal antibody G8795 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.), α-GAPDH rabbit polyclonal antibody G9595 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.).

To prepare the second protein capture antibody solution, 65 the monoclonal antibodies were purchased as purified antibodies. To prepare the second protein detection antibody

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solution, the appropriate antibody was conjugated to Ruthenium(II)-tris-bipyridine-(4-methylsulfonate) NHS labeling reagent (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). The conjugation reaction was performed by adding 30 µL of distilled water reconstituted MSD SULFO-TAGTM stock solution to 200 μL of 2 mg/mL polyclonal antibodies and incubating the reaction at room temperature for 2 hours in the dark. The labeled antibodies were purified using a standard spin column protocol and the protein concentration determined using a standard colorimetric protein assay. The absorbance of the antibody/MSD SULFO-TAG™ conjugate was measured at 455 nm using a spectrophotometer to determine the concentration in moles per liter. The detection antibody solution was stored at 4° C. until needed.

To prepare the solid phase support comprising the capture antibody that is specific for a SNAP-25 cleaved product, approximately 5 μL of $\alpha\textsc{-SNAP-25}$ monoclonal antibody 2E2A6 solution (20 $\mu g/mL$ in 1×PBS) was added to each well of a 96-well MSD High Bind plate and the solution is allowed to air dry in a biological safety cabinet for 2-3 hours in order to liquid evaporate the solution, and then the plates were sealed and stored at 4° C. until needed. The dried capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked by adding 150 μL of Blocking Buffer comprising of 3% BSA (Pierce, Rockford, Ill.) 10% goat serum (Rockland Immunochemicals, Gilbertsville, Pa.), and Difco 1% skim milk (BD BioSciences Franklin Lakes, N.J.) in 0.05% Tween-20 PBS at room temperature for 1-2 hours.

To detect the presence of protein by ECL sandwich ELISA analysis, the Blocking Buffer from stored plates was aspirated from the wells, 25 μ L of a lysate from cells treated with BoNT/A, as described above, was added to each well and the plates were incubated at 4° C. for overnight. Plate wells were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 µL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 25 μL of 5 μg/mL the appropriate second protein detection antibody solution, resuspended in the blocking buffer as described above, was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated at room temperature for about 1 hour with shaking. After detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 250 μL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 150 μL of 1× Read Buffer (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) was added to each well and the plates were read using a SECTORTTM Imager 6000 Image Reader (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). A ratio was calculated by dividing the signal obtained from the untreated cell lysates for each antibodypair by the signal obtained for the lysis buffer control (0 nM dose) for each antibody-pair (Table 13). These results indicated that among the twenty-one different combinations of antibody pairs tested, only two antibody pairs had signal-tonoise ratios above 10:1 for the higher dose tested: Pair No. 16 α-GAPDH mouse monoclonal antibody MAB374 and α -GAPDH rabbit polyclonal antibody RDS2275-PC-1; and Pair 21: α-GAPDH mouse monoclonal antibody MAB374 and α-GAPDH rabbit polyclonal antibody G9545. The $\alpha\text{-}GAPDH$ mouse monoclonal antibody MAB374 and α-GAPDH rabbit polyclonal antibody G9545 pair was selected as the second protein capture antibody-detection antibody pair for the multiplex ECL sandwich ELISA.

TABLE 13

Screening of Second Protein Antibody Combinations												
Antibody Pair No.		Detection Antibody	Detection of Protein	Signal/Noise Ratio (lysate/buffer)								
1	α-syntaxin 2 S5687 pAb	α-syntaxin 2 MAB2936 mAb	No	0.92								
2	α-syntaxin 2 AF2568 pAb	α-syntaxin 2 AB5596 pAb	No	1.1								
3	α-syntaxin 2 AF2568	α-syntaxin 2 S5687 pAb	No	1.11								
4	α-syntaxin 2 AF2936 pAb	α-syntaxin 2 AB5596 pAb	Yes	1.63								
5	α-syntaxin 2 AF2936 pAb	α-syntaxin 2 S5687 pAb	Yes	1.6								
6	α-syntaxin 2 AB5596 pAb	α-syntaxin 2 S5687 pAb	No	0.82								
7	α-syntaxin 2 AB5596 pAb	α-syntaxin 2 MAB2936 mAb	No	0.87								
8	α-syntaxin 2 MAB2936 mA	bα-syntaxin 2 AB5596 pAb	Yes	1.2								
9	α-syntaxin 2 MAB2936 mAl	bα-syntaxin 2 S5687 pAb	No	1.07								
10	α-syntaxin S0664 mAb	α-syntaxin 1 S1172-1 pAb	Yes	4.23								
11	α-syntaxin S0664 mAb	α-syntaxin 1 S1172-2 pAb	No	1.21								
12	α-syntaxin 1 S1172-1 pAb	α-syntaxin S0664 mAb	Yes	5.5								
13	α-syntaxin 1 S1172-2 pAb	α-syntaxin S0664 mAb	Yes	2.5								
14	α-h, m, r actin AF4000 pAb	α-beta actin A1978 mAb	No	1.04								
15	α-h, m, r actin AF4000 pAb	α-beta actin A2228 mAb	No	1.08								
16	α-GAPDH MAB374 mAb	α-GAPDH 2275-PC-1 pAb	Yes	20.04								
17	α-GAPDH MAB374 mAb	α-GAPDH G8795 mAb	No	0.89								
18	α-GAPDH 2275-PC-1 pAb	α-GAPDH MAB374 mAb	No	1.08								
19	α-GAPDH 2275-PC-1 pAb	α-GAPDH G8795 mAb	Yes	1.27								
20	α-GAPDH G8795 mAb	α-GAPDH 2275-PC-1 pAb	Yes	2.74								
21	α -GAPDH MAB374 mAb	α-GAPDH G9545 pAb	Yes	≥100								

2. Immuno-Based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Activity Using Multiplex ECL Sandwich ELISA.

To obtain a BoNT/A treated cell lysate for analysis, a suitable density of cells from a stock culture of a SiMa cell line were seeded into a poly-D-lysine 96-well plate containing a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES. These cells were incubated in 35 a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media was aspirated from each 40 well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.67 U/mL, 2.35 U/mL, 8.23 U/mL, 28.82 U/mL, 101 U/mL, 353 U/mL of a BoNT/A complex. After a 24 hr treatment, the cells were washed, incubated for an additional two days without toxin. The cells were washed, 45 harvested, and processed as described above in Section 1.

The α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution and the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution, were prepared as described in Example VII. To prepare the α -GAPDH capture antibody solution, the α -GAPDH monoclonal antibody mouse MAB374 (Chemicon, Temecula, Calif.) was prepared as described in Section 1 above. To prepare the α -GAPDH detection antibody solution, α -GAPDH rabbit polyclonal antibody G9545 (Sigma, St. Louis, Mo.) was conjugated to Ruthenium(II)-tris-bipyridine-(4-methylsulfonate) NHS ester labeling reagent (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). The conjugation reaction, purification of labeled α -SNAP-25 antibody, concentration determination and storage were as described in Section 1 above.

To prepare the solid phase support comprising the α -SNAP-25 capture antibody and the α -GAPDH capture antibody, approximately 2.5 mL of the α -SNAP-25 capture $_{65}$ antibody solution (45 µg/mL in 1×PBS) and 2.5 mL of the α -GAPDH capture antibody solution (120 µg/mL in 1×PBS)

were added to each well of a 96-well MSD High Bind plate in a muliplex format using a robotic system. The solution is allowed to air dry in a biological safety cabinet for at least 2-3 hours in order to liquid evaporate the solution. The capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked and used directly to detect BoNT/A Activity and the GAPDH protein.

To detect the presence of SNAP-25 cleavage product by multiplex ECL sandwich ELISA analysis, the Blocking Buffer from stored plates was aspirated from the wells, 25 µL of a lysate from cells treated with BoNT/A, as described above, was added to each well and the plates were incubated at 4° C. for overnight. Plate wells were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 μL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 25 μL of 5 μg/mL the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution and 25 μ L of 5 μg/mL the α-GAPDH detection antibody solution, as described above, was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated at room temperature for about 1 hour with shaking. After detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 250 μ L 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 150 μL of 1× Read Buffer (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.) was added to each well and the plates were read using a SECTOR™ Imager 6000 Image Reader (Meso Scale Discovery, Gaithersburg, Md.). The collected data was analyzed and the relative potency from the normalized data is calculated as described in Example V. except that PLA 2.0 software (Stegmann Systems, GmbH, Germany) was used.

As a comparison, the detection of SNAP-25 cleavage product was also performed using the singleplex ECL sandwich ELISA as described in Example VI.

The results indicated that the SNAP-25 data obtained from the singleplex ECL sandwich ELISA, or from the non-normalized SNAP-25 data obtained from the multiplex ECL sandwich ELISA, revealed one outlier sample dose that did not fit into the dose-response curve. However, normalization of the SNAP-25 data against the GAPDH data gave a better curve fit and the potency was closer to the expected value.

Example IX

Immuno-Based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Activity Using Multiplex EC Sandwich ELISA

The following example illustrates multiplex immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity by detecting a SNAP-25 cleavage product using a α -SNAP-25 monoclonal antibody specific for a SNAP-25 cleavage product and a second antibody pair for a different protein.

The lysate from cells treated with a BoNT/A was prepared as described in Example VI. The α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution, the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution, and the α -SNAP-25 solid phase support were prepared as described in Example VII.

To prepare α -GAPDH capture antibody solution, α -GAPDH monoclonal antibody MAB374 (Millipore, Billerica, Mass.) was purchased as a purified antibody. To prepare the α -GAPDH detection antibody solution, an α -GAPDH polyclonal antibody G9545 (Sigma, St. Louis, 20 Mo.) was conjugated to Horseradish peroxidase (HRP) according to the manufacturer's instructions (Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.). The conjugation reaction, concentration determination and storage were as described in Example VII.

To prepare the solid phase support comprising a second capture antibody specific for the second protein, approximately $100\,\mu\text{L}$ of monoclonal antibody solution comprising 1 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ $\alpha\text{-GAPDH}$ monoclonal antibody MAB374 was added to each well of a 96-well Greiner white plate and the plates 30 were incubated at 4° C. overnight, and then any excess antibody solution was discarded. The $\alpha\text{-GAPDH}$ capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked by adding 150 μ l of Blocking Buffer comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent (GE Life Sciences, Piscataway, N.J.) and 10% goat 35 serum (VWR, West Chester, Pa.) at room temperature for 1 hour. The blocking buffer was discarded and the plates were blotted dry on paper towels by inverting and tapping. The capture antibody-bound wells were then blocked and used directly to detect BoNT/A activity.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by multiplex CL sandwich ELISA analysis, 50 μL of cell lysates from cells treated with BoNT/A was added to each well of the α-SNAP-25 capture antibody solid phase support and the α-GAPDH capture antibody solid phase support, the plate 45 was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated on a shaker rotating at 500 rpm at 4° C. for 2-4 hours to overnight. Plate wells were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 µl 1×PBS, 0.05% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). 50 After washing, 100 µL of a detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent in 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate), and 1 mg/mL α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody/HRP was added to each well of the α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solid 55 phase support, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated on a shaker rotating at 650 rpm at room temperature for 1 hour. Similarly, 100 μL of a detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent in 1xPBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan mono- 60 laureate), and 0.25 mg/mL α-GAPDH G9545 polyclonal antibody/HRP (Sigma Co., St Louis, Mo.) was added to each well of the α -GAPDH capture antibody solid phase support, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was placed on a shaker rotating at 650 rpm at room temperature for 1 hour. 65 After detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 200 µl 1×PBS, 0.05% TWEEN-20® (poly92

oxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 100 μl of SuperSignal ELISA Pico 1:1 mixture (Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.) was added to each well and the plates were read using a luminometer (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, Calif.) at 395 nm. The collected data was analyzed and the EC₅₀ calculated as described in Example V. The results indicated that the data points collected for the amounts of α-SNAP-25 antibody-antigen complex detected were a better fit after normalization to the amounts of α-GAPDH antibody-antigen complex detected, thereby producing a more accurate reading. These results indicated that on average 1.0 pM of BoNT/A at the EC₅₀ was detected (a range of about 0.3 pM to about 2.0 pM) with a signal-to-noise ratio for the lower asymptote of about 15:1 to about 20:1 and a signalto-noise ratio for the upper asymptote of about 20:1 to about 500:1.

A similar design can be used for multiplex immuno-based methods of detecting BoNT/A activity by detecting a SNAP-25 cleavage product using a $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ monoclonal antibody specific for a SNAP-25 cleavage product having a carboxyl-terminus at the P_1 residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond using ECL sandwich ELISA with the same $\alpha\text{-GAPDH}$ antibody pair.

Example X

Immuno-Based Method to Detect Picomolar Amounts of BoNT/A

To evaluate binding specificity of an α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody that can selectively bind to a SNAP-25 antigen having a carboxyl-terminus at the P₁ residue of the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond, purified NTP 22 and NTP 23 α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies were used to detect cleavage product using the cell-based activity assay, immunocytochemistry and immunoprecipitation described in Example III. The cell-based cleavage assay, immunocytochemistry analysis and immunoprecipitation analysis all indicated that NTP 22 and NTP 23 α -SNAP-25 polyclonal antibodies did not cross-react with uncleaved SNAP-25. Thus both NTP 22 and NTP 23 have high binding specificity for the SNAP-25₁₉₇ cleavage product relative to the SNAP-25₂₀₆ uncleaved substrate. Affinity for the antigens can be determined using SPR in the BIAcore® as described in Example Ill.

1. Immuno-based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Using ECL Sandwich ELISA.

To prepare a lysate from cells treated with a BoNT/A, approximately 50,000 to 150,000 cells from an established cell line were plated into the wells of 96-well tissue culture poly-D-lysine plates containing 100 μL of a serum-free medium containing Minimum Essential Medium, 2 mM GlutaMAXTTM I with Earle's salts, 1×B27 supplement, 1×N2 supplement, 0.1 mM Non-Essential Amino Acids, 10 mM HEPES and 25 μg/mL GT1b (see Examples I and II). These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 2 to 3 days). The media from the differentiated cells was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.03 pM, 0.1 pM, 0.3 pM, 0.9 pM, 2.8 pM, 8.3 pM, or 25 pM of a BoNT/A pharmaceutical product reconstituted in a sodium chloride free solution; or 0 (un-

treated sample), 0.7 U/mL, 2.1 U/mL, 6.2 U/mL, 18.5 U/mL, 55.6 U/mL, 166.7 U/mL or 500 U/mL of a BoNT/A pharmaceutical product reconstituted in a sodium chloride free medium. Because the BoNT/A pharmaceutical product contains sodium chloride, its addition to the culture medium 5 resulted in a hypertonic media that was detrimental to cell viability. To circumvent the hypertonicity issue, 200 μL of MEM media made without sodium chloride was used to reconstitute the BoNT/A pharmaceutical product giving a final concentration of 25 pM BoNT/A (500 U/mL). The 10 matrix was kept constant for all concentrations along the dose-response curve by adding sodium chloride in the media used to make the dilutions match the amount of excipients present at the highest concentration used (25 pM or 500 U/mL). After a 24 hr treatment, the cells were washed, and 15 incubated for an additional two days without toxin. To harvest the cells, the medium was aspirated, washed with 1×PBS, and lysed by adding 30 µl of Lysis Buffer comprising 50 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100 to each well, and the plate incubated on a shaker 20 rotating at 500 rpm for 30 minutes at 4° C. The plate was centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 20 minutes at 4° C. to pellet cellular debris and the supernatant was transferred to a capture antibody coated 96-well plate to perform the detection

The α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution, the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution, and the solid phase support comprising the capture antibody that is specific for a SNAP-25 cleaved product were prepared as described in Example VI

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by ECL sandwich ELISA analysis, the Blocking Buffer from stored plates was aspirated, 25 μL of a lysate from cells treated with BoNT/A was added to each well and the plates were incubated at 4° C. for either 2 hrs or 24 hrs. Plate wells 35 were washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 µL 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 25 μl of 5 μg/mL α-SNAP-25 detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent 40 in 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate) was added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated at room temperature for 1 hour with shaking. After α -SNAP-25 detection antibody incubation, the wells were washed three times with 45 200 μ L 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, the plates were processed, collected data was analyzed, and the EC_{50} calculated as described in Example V. These results indicated that on average 1.0 pM of BoNT/A at the EC $_{50}$ was detected (a range $\,$ 50 $\,$ of about 0.3 pM to about 2.0 pM) with a signal-to-noise ratio for the lower asymptote of about 15:1 to about 20:1 and a signal-to-noise ratio for the upper asymptote of about 20:1 to about 500:1 (FIG. 9). This method can also be performed in a multiplex fashion as described in Example VIII.

2. Immuno-Based Method of Detecting BoNT/A Using CL Sandwich ELISA.

Lysate from cells treated with a BoNT/A and the α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution will be prepared as described in Example VI. The α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution 60 and solid phase support comprising the capture antibody that is specific for a SNAP-25 cleaved product will be prepared as described in Example VII.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by CL sandwich ELISA analysis, 25 μ L of a lysate from cells 65 treated with BoNT/A will be added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated on a shaker rotating

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at 500 rpm at 4° C. for either 2 hrs or 24 hrs. Plate wells will be washed three times by aspirating the cell lysate and rinsing each well three times with 200 µl 1×PBS, 0.05% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing, 100 μL of 1 mg/mL α-SNAP-25 polyclonal antibody/HRP detection antibody solution comprising 2% Amersham Blocking Reagent in 1×PBS, 0.1% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate) will be added to each well, the plate was sealed, and the sealed plate was incubated on a shaker rotating at 650 rpm at room temperature for 1 hour. After detection antibody incubation, the wells will be washed three times with 200 µl 1×PBS, 0.05% TWEEN-20® (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monolaurate). After washing 100 µl of SuperSignal ELISA Pico 1:1 mixture (Pierce Biotechnology, Inc., Rockford, Ill.) will be added to each well and the plates will be read using a luminometer (Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, Calif.) at 395 nm. The collected data will be analyzed and the EC_{50} will be calculated as described in Example V. This method can also be performed in a multiplex fashion as described in Example VIII.

Example XI

Immuno-Based Method to Detect Neutralizing α-BoNT/A Antibodies

The following example illustrates how to perform an immuno-based method that can detect the presence of neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies.

BoNT/A, is currently used for a wide range of medical indications including muscle hyperactivity, ophthalmologic, gastrointestinal, urologic, and cosmetic. With repeated longterm treatment of BoNT/A, a patient may develop neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies to the toxin leading to immunoresistance. Neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies inhibit BoNT/A activity by stopping the toxin's uptake into neuronal cells by binding to the binding domain (H_C) and/or the translocation domain (H_N) of BoNT/A. Some studies have suggested that up to 5-10% of patients repeatedly treated for dystonia with formulations of BoNT/A have immunoresistance due to the development of neutralizing α-BoNT/A antibodies. The established assay to determine the presence of the neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies in patient's blood is the mouse protection assay (MPA). Currently, BoNT/A is incubated with a patient's serum prior to injection into mice. The presence of antibodies is manifested by a decreased response to the neurotoxin in the animal. Since the MPA is an in vivo based assay, it would be more cost and time efficient if it was replaced with a cell-based assay.

To detect the presence or absence of neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies, the immuno-based methods of determining BoNT/A activity disclosed in the present specification can be used. One way is to determine the amount of SNAP-25 cleavage product present after treatment with various concentrations of BoNT/A using a Western blot detection method, the other way was to use an ECL sandwich ELISA detection method.

To prepare a sample comprising neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies and a negative control sample known to lack α -BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies, serum was isolated from blood of different individuals. Individuals declining immunizations were referred to as naïve individuals. Individuals accepting immunization were referred to as immunized individuals. The blood was drawn into a serum tube with a clot

activator (BD Biosciences, Bedford, Mass.). Serum was obtained by centrifugation of the blood at 1000xg for 10 minutes at 4° C. The serum of two donors was obtained: one individual was immunized to BoNT/A while the other was

To prepare a lysate from cells treated with a sample comprising BoNT/A, SiMa cells were seeded in a poly-D-lysine 96-well plate and differentiated as described in Example VI. The human serums were serially diluted 1:100-1:152,000 by 2.5 fold increments using serum-free media. The BoNT/A was suspended in 0.5 mL SiMa culture media at a concentration of 10 pM. The media containing BoNT/A and α-BoNT/A antibodies were mixed and incubated for 15 min or 1 hr at room temperature. The cells were treated with BoNT/A with human serum for 2 hr followed by a 15 hr incubation in fresh growth media. The cells were also treated for 15 hr with no additional incubation time.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by Western blot analysis, the media was aspirated from each 20 well, the cells suspended in 50 μL of SDS-PAGE loading buffer, and then heated to 95° C. for 5 minutes. An aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that harvested samples are separated by SDS-PAGE using 12% 26-well Criterion gels 25 (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.), and the rabbit polyclonal α -SNAP-25₁₉₇ antibody serum was used as the primary antibody (see Example IV). The results indicate that test samples resulted in reduced cleavage of SNAP-25 when compared to the negative control sample, demonstrating that the serum from the immunized individual contained neutralizing α -BoNT/A antibodies.

To detect the presence of a cleaved SNAP-25 product by ECL Sandwich ELISA, the media was removed from each well and the cells were lysed as described in Example V. The α -SNAP-25 capture antibody solution, the α -SNAP-25 detection antibody solution, and the α -SNAP-25 solid phase support were prepared as described in Example VII. Superport and an ECL sandwich ELISA assay was performed as detailed in Example V. The collected data was analyzed and the EC₅₀ calculated as described in Example V, except that the EC_{50} is the serum dilution needed to inhibit the activity of the BoNT/A to ½ its maximum and the ratio of maximal signal 45 $(Signal_{Max})$ to minimum signal $(Signal_{Min})$ was obtained by dividing the SNAP-25 cleavage product signal obtained with the highest dilution of serum by the signal obtained with the lowest serum dilution.

The results indicate that the presence of neutralizing 50 α -BoNT/A in human serum could be detected. The activity of the BoNT/A complex incubated in serum from the immunized individual decreased as the serum dilution decreased, whereas, the presence of naïve serum had no impact on the assay at every dilution tested. This assay can be performed using a formulated BoNT/A pharmaceutical product, a bulk BoNT/A complex, or a purified neurotoxin.

Example XII

Immuno-Based Method to Detect BoNT/A Activity Using Engineered Cells

The following example illustrates how to introduce a polynucleotide molecule encoding a BoNT/A receptor into cells 96

from an established cell line to further improve susceptibility to BoNT/A intoxication or improve BoNT/A uptake capacity.

To introduce an exogenous BoNT/A receptor into cells comprising an established cell line, an expression construct comprising a polynucleotide molecule of SEQ ID NO: 130 encoding the FGFR2 of SEQ ID NO: 59, or a polynucleotide molecule of SEQ ID NO: 139 encoding the FGFR3 of SEQ ID NO: 25, was transfected into cells from an established cell line by a cationic lipid method. A suitable density (about 5×10^6 cells) of cells from an established cell line are plated in a 100 mm tissue culture dish containing 5 mL of complete culture media and grown in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells reached a density appropriate for transfection. A 3 mL transfection solution is prepared by adding 1.5 mL of OPTI-MEM Reduced Serum Medium containing 60 µL of LipofectAmine 2000 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, Calif.) incubated at room temperature for 5 minutes to 1.5 mL of OPTI-MEM Reduced Serum Medium containing 24 µg of an expression construct encoding a FGFR2 or a FGFR3, or a control expression construct encoding a green fluorescent protein (GFP). This transfection mixture was incubated at room temperature for approximately 30 minutes. The complete media is replaced with the 3 mL transfection solution and the cells are incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide for approximately 8 hours. Transfection media is replaced with 3 mL of fresh complete culture media and the cells are incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide for approximately 24 hours. Media is replaced with 3 mL of fresh complete culture media containing approximately 1 mM G418 (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, Calif.). Cells are incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide for approximately 1 week, the old media is replaced with fresh complete culture media containing 0.5 mM G418. Once antibiotic-resistant colonies are established, resistant clones are replated to new 100 mm culture plates containing fresh complete culture media, supplemented with approximately 0.5 mM G418 until these cells reached a density of 6 to 20×10^5 cells/mL.

To determine if the overexpression of BoNT/A receptors natants were transferred to the α -SNAP-25 solid phase sup- $_{40}$ improved cell susceptibility to BoNT/A intoxication or improved BoNT/A uptake capacity, a dose-response curve was generated using cells treated with different doses of a BoNT/A complex. To prepare a lysate from cells treated with a BoNT/A, a suitable density of cells from an established transfected cell line was plated into the wells of 96-well tissue culture plates containing 100 µL of an appropriate serum-free medium (Table 5). These cells were incubated in a 37° C. incubator under 5% carbon dioxide until the cells differentiated, as assessed by standard and routine morphological criteria, such as growth arrest and neurite extension (approximately 3 days). The media from the differentiated cells was aspirated from each well and replaced with fresh media containing either 0 (untreated sample), 0.01 nM, 0.04 nM, 0.12 nM, 0.37 nM, 1.1 nM, 3.3 nM, and 10 nM of a BoNT/A complex for cells comprising a SiMa or a PC12 transfected cell line; and 0 (untreated sample), 0.14 nM, 0.40 nM, 1.2 nM, 3.7 nM, 11 nM, 33 nM, and 100 nM of a BoNT/A complex for cells comprising a Neuro-2a transfected cell line. The cells were treated with BoNT/A containing media for 6 hrs fol-60 lowed by incubation with fresh media for 15 hrs and harvested by adding 40 μL of 2×SDS-PAGE loading buffer and heating the plate to 95° C. for 5 min.

To detect for the presence of SNAP-25 cleavage product, an aliquot from each harvested sample was analyzed by Western blot as described in Example I, except that harvested samples are separated by SDS-PAGE using 12% 26-well Criterion gels (Bio-Rad Laboratories, Hercules, Calif.), and

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the following primary antibodies were used a 1:1,000 dilution of rabbit polyclonal $\alpha\text{-SNAP-25}$ antibody serum (Example IV) (AGN, polyclonal antibody), a 1:500 dilution of $\alpha\text{-FGFR2}$ rabbit polyclonal C-17 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, Calif.), or a 1:500 dilution of $\alpha\text{-FGFR3}$ rabbit 5 polyclonal C-15 (Santa Cruz Biotechnology, Santa Cruz, Calif.). The intensity of the protein of interest from each sample was calculated using Image Quant (GE Healthcare, Piscataway, N.J.) and the EC $_{50}$ for each of the cells lines was estimated using SigmaPlot software.

The results indicate that cells transfected with FGFR2 or FGFR3 were more sensitive to BoNT/A than cells transfected with GFP and also showed a higher level of SNAP-25 cleavage (Table 14). The $\rm EC_{50}$ values for cells over-expressing FGFR2 or FGFR3 were lower than the $\rm EC_{50}$ values exhibited 15 by cells over-expressing GFP, indicating that introduction of FGFR2 or FGFR3 improved cell susceptibility to BoNT/A intoxication or improved BoNT/A uptake capacity.

Effects of Introducing Exogenous BoNT/A Receptors on Cell Susceptibilty to BoNT/A Intoxication or BoNT/A Uptake

	Cells	Transfected Gene	$EC_{50}\left(nM\right)$	Max Signal
)	SiMa	GFP	0.0812 ± 0.010	22,733,787
	SiMa	FGFR2	0.0459 ± 0.003	26,136,578
	SiMa	FGFR3	0.0377 ± 0.006	24,326,271
	PC-12	GFP	3.3362 ± 1.881	26,956,063
	PC-12	FGFR2	0.3429 ± 0.059	25,376,114
	PC-12	FGFR3	0.2634 ± 0.026	24,102,459
	Neuro-2a	GFP	61.80 ± 9.710	4,605,974
	Neuro-2a	FGFR2	31.59 ± 8.800	23,279,765
	Neuro-2a	FGFR3	11.55 ± 5.240	28,347,413

Detection for the presence of SNAP-25 cleavage product can also be performed using sandwich ELISA as described in Examples VI-X.

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What is claimed:

- 1. A method of detecting anti-BoNT/A enzymatic activity neutralizing antibodies in a mammal comprising the steps of:
 - a. obtaining a test sample from a mammal, wherein the mammal is being tested for the presence or absence of an anti-BoNT/A neutralizing antibodies and wherein the test sample is a blood or serum sample from the mammal;
 - b. adding a known quantity of BoNT/A to the test sample;
 - c. contacting a cell from an established cell line expressing SNAP-25 with the test sample, wherein the cell from the established cell line is susceptible to BoNT/A intoxication;
 - d. isolating from the cell a SNAP-25 cleavage product by BoNT/A having a carboxyl terminus glutamine from the BoNT/A cleavage site scissile bond;
 - e. contacting the SNAP-25 cleavage product or fragment with an anti-SNAP-25 antibody linked to a solid phase support, wherein the anti-SNAP-25 antibody specifically binds to an epitope of the BoNT/A cleavage product of SNAP-25 consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:38, and wherein the anti-SNAP-25antibody comprises a heavy chain variable region comprising the amino acid sequences of at least one of SEQ ID NOs: 93, 96, and 100 and a light chain variable region comprising CDRs comprising the amino acid sequences of at least one of SEQ ID NOs: 105, 110 and 115; or a heavy chain variable region comprising complementary determining regions (CDRs) comprising the amino acid

- sequences of at least one of SEQ ID NOs: 95, 99, and 101 and a light chain variable region comprising CDRs comprising the amino acid sequences of at least one of SEQ ID NOs: 103, 108 and 113;
- f. detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex comprising the anti-SNAP-25 antibody and the SNAP-25 cleavage product;
- g. performing steps b-f with a negative control sample instead of a test sample, wherein the negative control sample comprises the known quantity of BoNT/A and a serum known not to contain anti-BoNT/A enzymatic activity neutralizing antibodies;
- h. comparing the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f relative to the amount of antibodyantigen complex detected in the negative control sample; and
- determining the presence of anti-BoNT/A enzymatic activity neutralizing antibodies in the test sample when the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in step f is less than the amount of antibody-antigen complex detected in the negative control sample.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the quantity of known BoNT/A is 10 pM.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the detecting the presence of an antibody-antigen complex is through the use of a sandwich immunoassay.
- **4**. The method of claim **3**, wherein the sandwich immunoassay comprises an electrochemiluniescense or chemiluminescense substrate.

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